Review of the year, and Sporting Calendar for 1978

# firemen's strike beaten by 14 to 1

The executive of the Fire Brigades Union yesterday rejected by 14 votes to one a call by moderates for a special delegate conference aimed at calling off the firemen's strike. The union will meet the Government and employers, probably on Tuesday, for the first tripartite talks since the strike began.

# First tripartite talks planned next week

that the strike is still solid. Mr. David Shephard, who represents 3,000 firemen in the South-east, was the only one of the 16 executive members who

voted yesterday to recall a dele-

He said afterwards that he

The call for a reconvene

TUC conference was pur to the FBU executive meeting by Mr John Lewis, the London firemen's leader. The union wants

the congress to reaffirm a com-

posite motion approved in Sep-tember calling for an immediate

return to free collective bargain-

ing. Mr Lewis said yesterday that he believed the general

council was wrong in not sup-porting the FBU in a campaign against the 10 per cent guide-

The TUC General Council

next meets on January 25, It will consider a request from Mr Parry, who is a member of the

council, to recall congress. Among his supporters will be

the train drivers, musicians, tobacco workers, teachers, white-collar engineering workers, and the Association of the collar factorities. Technical and Mana-

will meet Mr Parry today for a report of the executive meeting. He said last night: "Since the

employers have followed up every suggestion that has been

made, and in view of the fact that the strike has been going

on for seven weeks, we must take the tripartite meeting seriously."

ground by the union.

gate conference.

was recalled.

By Christopher Thomas

The Fire Erigades Union executive voted 14 to one yes-terday against recalling the national delegate conference that alone can end the firemen's He said afterwards that he was confident there would not be a unilateral return to work among members in the Southeast. "I am fairly confident that I can convince the members that it is important to continue the strike", he said. Many executive members were clearly angered by earlier remarks in which he said he would find it difficult to prevent a drift back to work unless the delegate conference was recalled. seven-week strike. One executive member was absent.

The union will ask the TUC General Council to convene a congress to challenge the way the Government is interpreting the TUC's policy for an orderly return to free collective bargaining. Leaders of the FBU are heartened by the narrow margin of 20 votes to 17 by which the general council rejec-ted a call for a national cam-paign against the Cabiner's policy for limiting earnings increases to a tenth.

The union is to meet the Government and the local authority employers, probably on Tuesday, for the first tripartite talks since the stoppage began. It will reassert its willingness to forgo the employers offer for a reduced working week from next Normal working week from next Novom-ber in return for more money now. In any case, the union believes it would be virtually impossible, because of training difficulties, to increase manpower by the necessary five thousand men in time.

The original target for a pay rise of three tenths remains on the table but in the face of the Government's determination and the TUC's unwillingness to support the men, the figure is. regarded as

The union will be looking the some movement from the gental Staffs, employers and the Government Mr Brian Rusbridge, secretary on the timing of an award of the employers' negociators which has been offered. That mould give firemen a two-stage increase in 1978 and 1979, to take their pay up to the average skilled industrial worker's wate. Mr Terence Party, FBU reneral secretary, said after the in London last night: "We do not want to prolong the strike any longer than it has to be. The best step now is to get in the same room as the Government and the amployees. ment and the amployers.
Although constitutionally the
Government is not involved in
local authority negotiations, it

is never far away." Reports from the union's 14 regions yesterday left no doubt stage of pay policy By Michael Hatfield

Cabinet ministers will begin the new year with early discussions among themselves about the next stage of pay policy after the ending of phase three and the 12-month

It was being emphasized last night that .no conclusions are likely until March at the earliest, after which formal discussions with the unions will have to be opened.

A hint of what the Government has in mind is given by Mr Healey, the Chancellor, in an interview in the latest issue of Socialist Commentary. He states that the Government has some idea of the aggregate increase in earnings compatible with growth and keeping inflation under control

"What would be desirable would be that the unions and employers negotiated within that aggregate on the distribution of increases." The Governments of West Germany, Austria and some Scandinavian countries mak that general view although they differed on implementation, he said.

Mr Healey said he would welcome talks within the unions and the employers organizations on the best way for Britain to tackle the matter.

The Government cannot move too early on the next stage of pay policy because that might initiate unacceptable wage demands, which are still being negotiated under the present phase. For that reason there-have been only informal discussions inside the Cabinet's economic according to the comments of the comments. mic strategy committee. They are likely to continue for some weeks as it monitors the present pay round.

Cabinet ministers do not as yet see eye to eye on whether there should be a phase four, although the Prime Minister has made it known publicly that he is antipathetic to free collective bargaining.

While a further phase is expected, the argument among Cabinet ministers will revolve round its nature. Mr Healey, in his interview, states: and more people are coming to realize that no government can avoid having an incomes policy so far as its own employees are

It must have an attitude about what is the appropriate level of wage increases in the various parts of the public sector where master. But, of course, to have a pay policy for the public sec-tor and a free-for-all in the private sector can be very unfair to the public sector."

On the firemen's case, Mr

Healey says that what the Gor-arnment had offered would be based on a form of compara-bility, and that could be so in many parts of the public sector To the extent that this is becoming inevitable, it is mov-

Nobody is pinning much hope on next week's talks. The Gov-ernment has shown no sign of yielding on the 10 per cent ruling and there is no indica-tion of a substantial shift of on the 10 per cent and there is no indicator of a substantial shift of d by the union.

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# Peace move in Healey hint on next Mr Callaghan considers new plan for Treasury's role

solve the year long debate about the future of the Treasury and the Civil Service Department. Mr Callaghan is attracted by the possibility of linking the two ministries through a common establishment organization Such a more would achieve many of his objectives without

incurring the disruption the Prime Minister is at pains to avoid in the run up to a general election. The concept of a Treasury CSD "condominium", as it is known in Whitehall, is a tare addition to the options put before Mr Callachan by his officials as he considers what reply to make to a report on the Civil Service nublished in Sentember by the Commons Select Committee on Expendi

scheme. Sir Ian Bancroft, as Read of the Home Civil Service, would retain his own department and clear responsi-bility for running the Civil Serpinky for running the Civil Service and making senior appointments. Similarly, Sir Douglas Wass, as Permanent Secretary to the Treasure, would remain the official primerily respon-

The Prime Minister is con. A new plan to link the Treasury sidering a plan that could re with the Civil Service Department in:a " condominium " has been put to the Prime Minister. Under it Sir Douglas Wass (left) would remain responsible for overall management of the economy and Sir Ian Bancroft (right) would run the Civil Service and make senior appointments. There would be a greater exchange of staff between the two departments

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the economy.

There would, however, he a greater exchange of staff between the two departments and closer cooperation over policy making in areas of joint concern. In particular, Treas my management of public spending would be linked more closely with CSD control of manpower. Cooperation would also extend to other areas, such as Civil rvice pay and management

Mr Callaghan has been concerned with the CSD's lack of impact in Whitehall, a defici-

ency for which it was also critic-ized by the expenditure com-mittee. He is thought to believe that a closer liaison with the Treasury, and an infusion of Treasury staff, would buttress its influence in dealing with

its influence in dealing with other departments.

The two ministries, if the scheme was adopted, would have a joint strength of 6,288 officials; 1,143 drawn from the Treasury and 5,145 from the CSD. A deputy secretary would probably be appointed to lead a common establishment division. Sir Ian and Sir Douglas, who get on well as former col-

t was split with the foundation of the CSD in 1968, would become involved in the day-to-day running of the new arrange-ment only in cases of excep-tional difficulty.

The "common services" approach to departmental manapproach to departmental management was invented in March, 1974, by Sir Antony Part and Mr Douglas Lovelock, when they were instructed by the incoming Prime Minister, Sir Harold Wilson, to break up the huge Department of Trade and Industry into three separate

establishments organization has had its critics. It has sometimes proved difficult, for example, to find agreement, especially over questions of to which ministry the best people should

A Treasury-CSD condominium however, would meet with rela-tively little resistance among top officials and ministers in Great George Street, unlike some previously canvassed options. Mr Healey, the Chan-cellor, made clear last spring. for example, that he would althor any move to take away the Treasure's general expen-diture divisions and merge tiven with the manpower side of the CSD in a new department of management and

Budget. Sir Douglas Wass was equally opposed to the Treasury's reabsorbing the functions it lost in 1968.

The Prime Minister is most unlikely to make any fundamental change in the shape of the central departments. In a White Paper, expected in February, he is thought likely to choose either the status quo or the partial, if significant, reform of a Treasury-CSD condominium.

# US rebuff to **Palestine** state annoys Mr Sadat

By Our Foreign Staff President Sadat said vester day that he was "disappointed" day that he was "disappointed with President Carter's statement on Wednesday night, indicating that he preferred limited autonomy for the West Bank along the lines suggested by the Israelis rather than the creation of a separate Palestinian state, denianded by Egypt and other Arab countries.

Mr Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, said that Mr Carter's remarks would help the negotia-tions for a Middle East peace settlement and that the Israelis felt a Palestinian state between ieit a Palestiman state between Israel and Jordan would threaten their security. The Israeli peace plan, disclosed to the Knesset on Wednesday, offers limited self-rule for Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

In an interview with television network correspondents broadcast in the United States late on Wednesday night, Mr Carter said that Mr Begin had taken a "long step forward" in offering self-rule to the Pales-tinian Arabs on the West Bank and had shown a "great deal of fleedbillity" in reaching a tompromise.

Both Mr Begin and President Sadat were to be congratulated for their "bold and courage-course" actions in seeking an overall peace settlement, he said. Even though there were still disagreements there was no reason to be discouraged about the outlook for further negotiations.

The American role in the peace process was to be supportive, Mr Carter said, to try portive, Mr Carter said, to try to resolve difficulties when they arose and to give advice and counsel when it was reques-ted. The progress that had been made in recent weeks was "re-markable" and was greater than even be had anticipated.

Asked how be thought Pales-tinian demands for rights on the West Back should be met, Mr Carter repeated his own

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preference, for a Palestinian
homeland or entity, probably
linked to Jordan, rather than
independent nation. "My an independent nation. "My personal preference is that perpersonal preference is that per-manent peace can best be main-tained if there is not a fairly radical new independent nation in the beart of the Middle Eastern area."

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He believed there was considerable room for bargaining by President Sadat within Mr Begin's tentative proposals for the West Bank. The number of Israeli military outposts, the length of time the initial agreement would be in force and the exact relationship of the West Bank towards Israel and Jordan were all open to discussion. The President said that during his current overseas trip

the Freshort said that dur-ing his current overseas trip he would be exploring with King Husain the role Jordan was willing to play in a peace settlement. Although Jordan was not yet participating in the Continued on page 4, col 4



New Year Tour: President Carter waving good-bye as its sets off for Poland on the first leg of his nine-day trip. On arrival in Warsaw yesterday he was welcomed by Mr Gierek, the Polish Communist leader. He will then travel on to Iran, India, Saudi Arabia, France and Belgium In Warsaw, Poland's dissident Public Self-Defence Committee issued a statement saying it-welcomed Mr. Carter's risit because of the President's support for human and civil rights.

"Your stand in this question has especially great significance for us, who speak out in defence of these rights in Poland", the statement added.

Meanwhile, security has been increased in Teheran after a bomb explosion damaged the

Iran-America Society's language coaching centre. Three people were said to be injured in the

tween the two American-owned supertankers, Venoil and Ven-

pet.
Government pollution experts today flew along the coast to examine a slick several miles long lying just beyond the Cape beaches.—Agence France-Presse.

Presse.

#### Finns buy UK planes Beaches polluted by collision in £100m barter deal of supertankers Port Elizabeth, Dec 29.—The worst oil pollution ever known off the South African coastline has hit beaches and destroyed marine life up to 250 miles west of here as a result of the collision on December 16 between the two American owned

By Arthur Reed Air Correspondent

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In one of the most musual deals in the history of the British aircraft industry, British Aerospace yesterday sold 50 Hawk trainer aircraft worth £100m to Finland and undertook to marker Finnish products to a similar amount.

British Aerospace has in fact already placed some £30m worth of the offset goods, which include vodka, earthmoving equipment and moving equipment and liquorice sweets, and expects to move the lot within three

rears.
The goods are being sold through British Acrospace sales offices around the world.
"Shifting goods from Finland is now the second highest priority when our salesmen go out to meet customers", an aircraft industry executive said

yesterday.

It is expected that most of the offset goods will be sold abroad. They are already finding enthusiastic buyers in North America, but will also find their way to countries where Finnish salesmen have seldom penetrated in the past.

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Brough division of British Aerospace, said yesterday: "We approached the Finnish market with a single-minded endeavour to succeed. We were fully conscious of the significance of success in other potential markets, and this was reflected in the level of effort invested in capturing the order." trated in the past.

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oy the rims or a British air-craft rather than its four major-rivals, the Alpha Jet developed by France and West Germany, the Saab 105 from Sweden, the Italian Macchi 339, and the L39

Italian Macchi 339, and the L39 from Czechoslovakia.

But the Hawk, a two-seater trainer powered by one Rolls-Royce/Turbomeca Adour jet engine, also sold in its own right on the experience of service with the Royal Air Force, which is buying 175.

The Hawk was developed by Hawker Siddeley, now part of British Aerospace, and made its maiden flight in August, 1974.

The Finnish Hawks will be manufactured at Kingston and Dunsfold, Surrey, Brough, Yorkshire, and Hamble, Hampshire. As part of the deal egreed by

As part of the deal agreed by the Finnish cabinet, the Finns the Finnish cabinet, the Finns will learn how to make the aircraft and the final 46 will be assembled in their country.

The Finnish aircraft industry will also manufacture mosts for The Finnish aircraft industry will also manufacture parts for the Adour engine, and electronic equipment. The engine part of the deal is worth £24m.

Mr C. M. Chandler, managing director of the Kingston-Brough division of British Aero-

#### Salisbury on votes for whites From Frederick Cleary Salisbury, Dec 29

Deadlock in

The resumed settlement talks ended in dead-lock in Salisbury tonight after three and a quarter bours of hard bargaining. The Rhodesian Government and the African nationalist delegates cannot agree on the proportion of white representation in a future parliament under a majority rule government.

When asked after meeting whether the positions of the opposing sides could be reconciled, Mr Smith, the Prime Minister, said: "It is always possible to overcome problems. That is what we have, a problem. We must go on until we overcome it"

Asked how long this would take, he replied: "It might be over in one day. It might be over in one year."
Mr Smith looked somewhat

dejected whereas the Rev Ndchaningi Sithole, leader of a faction of the African National Council—known as the ANC (Sithole)—fairly beamed assur-ance. When caked to comment on the talks, he said: "Fine, we are having a good go. We are satisfied with the progress." A source close to the talks aid that today's meeting was held once again in a' cordial reached a sticky stage.

It is understood that Mr
Smith is bolding out for a third of parliamentary seats to be re-served for whites to give them a blocking mechanism when it comes to voting on constitutional issues. The ANC (Sithole) wants white representation to be restricted to a fifth of the seats. The United African National Council, led by Bishop Abel Muzorewa, is said to accept the Government's de-mand for a third of the seats but rejects Mr Smith's idea of separate voters' rolls. Mr Sithole has no objection

to separate rolls. The talks resume on Tuesday.

# Crashes rise at 'mini' roundabouts

By Our Motoring Correspondent The conversion from large to "mini" roundabouts at road junctions has almost doubled the number of accidents, according to a report by the govern-ment-supported Transport and Road Research Laboratory. At roundabouts where the

been drastically reduced all accidents increased by 91 per cent, and those involving fatal and serious injuries by 200 per The report says the figures emphasize the need for care in converting the old-style roundabout. In particular, crossing movements must be adequately deflected. The report observes

that present design recommen-dations lay down criteria for achieving that. But where mini roundabouts have been introduced at junc-tions previously controlled either by the road priority or by traffic lights, accidents have been markedly reduced.

At junctions where mini roundabouts have replaced traffic lights fatal and serious eccidents fell by 62 per cent. At sites formerly subject to priority control there was a 34 per cent drop in all accidents and a 46 per cent reduction in those involving faral and serious

# Laser lighting

guideline prices. Steel companies will be prohibited from aligning prices on cheaper imports, although the competi-tive edge of foreign suppliers will be less keen than in recent months Page 15 The pinnacle above Big Ben will be illuminated by a green ergon gas laser beam between Korchnoi ultimatum dusk and 11 pm during the re-mainder of the Christmas re-Viktor Korchnoi, the self-exiled Russian grandmaster, threstened to withdraw from his world chess chempionship qualifying match against Boris Spassky nuless spectators were excluded Page 4 cess, beginning tomorrow, the Department of the Environment announced yesterday.

# Sinn Fein raided

Police raided the headquar-Feia in Falls Road, Belfast, esterday, and arrested two men. Files, papers and a telex machine were seized from the headquerters less than two

ago. Other Irish news, page 3

# Loser in Scottish miners' ballot resigns position

Mr David Bolton, one of the defeated candidates in the recent ballot for the general secretaryship of the Scottish area of the National Union of Mineworkers, has resigned as area vice-president, it was disclosed yesterday. He is to complain to Mr Michael McGabey, the president, about the way the election was conducted.

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The winner was Mr Eric Clarke, a Labour councillor on Lothian Regional Council. He received 1,100 more votes than Mr Bolton.

Mr Bolton.

Mr Bolton said yesterday that since 1975 a campaign had been waged against him by othermembers of the Scottish leadership, and that he had been ostracized by them.

"One of the reasons I am sorting ham yesterday in pursuit of a local productivity agreement.

A pention signed by 35,000 people against coal board plans to mine in the Vale of Belyoir, Nottinghamshire, will be presented to the Prime Minister. "One of the reasons I am sente resigning is the method in soon,

EEC to publish

Minimum prices for some 140 steel

imports into the European Community will be announced today. It is believed they will be on average about 7 percent below the Community's internal

floor prices on

steel imports

School discipline

Mr Norman St John-Stevas, Conserva-tive spokesman on education, says

schools need firmer discipline and

higher moral standards to provide for a modern industrial society. Page 2

death earlier this year, had given their support to other

candidates:
More than a thousand miners at Solsgirth colliery, near Dunfermline, Fife, communed their overtime ban yesterday in pursuit of a local productivity

sented to the Prime Minister

Dollar falls on news

of Fed appointment

The dollar lost ground on foreign ex-changes yesterday as dealers reacted to the news that Mr William Miller is to replace Dr Arthur Burns as chairman of

the Federal Reserve Board at the end of January. Sterling continued to climb, reaching \$1.9275 at one time Page 15

M Mitterrand, the French Socialist leader, has accused the Government of

attempting to rig the votes of French-men resident abroad. He claims that the

blank postal proxy votes of Frenchmen living in Gabon have been handed to a

pro-Government organization Page 3 'Paper tiger' survives

The Equal Opportunities Commission,

set up two years ago, has survived some sharp criticism. It has a promising, record of achievement on behalf of women despite a gibe about being a "paper tiger" Page 3

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# Malta letter bomb kills schoolgirl

The daughter of a doctor has been killed and his wife and son have been injured by a letter bomb in Malta. Dr Edwin Grech's daughter, Karen, was home for Christmas from her school in England. A letter bomb was also sent to another doctor but it did not explode

Food: The British herring catch this year was the lowest this century; the price was the highest

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end of the transitional period of memberstip

Business Diary: A quix for the year's

# We might even manage a smile

As consultants in property management and investment we tend to be rather serious people.

But 12 months ago to the day, in this very spot, we shot a little ray of optimism through the prevailing economic gloom. And right on target it was too.

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From Arthur Osman Birmingkam

Firmer discipline & d higher moral standards are needed in schools because we are not producing the sort of standards needed for a modern industrial society, Mr Norman St John-MP, Conservative spokesman on education, said yesterday.

He told the annual conference of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers in Birming-'I am not advocating a return to Dotheboys Hall or a general increase in the use of corporal punishment in schools; but some action has to be taken very soon if we are to halt the problems of indiscipline, truency and vandalism that mar our schools. The action of a minority can destroy the whole atmosphere of discipline for the rest"

An education welfare officer secondary schools, he said. He also advocated help by people in the community. Truant children tended to use shops and cafes, and he suggested that those who ran such estab-lishments should not serve children in school hours.

On corporal punishment, he aid: "On balance, I think the local authorities and head teachers should retain their discretionary powers, but I think corporal punishment should only be used as a last resort and its frequent use should be actively discouraged."

It has been said recently that trench warfare. From being terrorists in Victorian days, teachers had in many cases become the terrorized. The fight to improve discipline should start by looking to teacher training in the surviving colleges of education, in university education deport-ments and in the schools.

While it was true that maintenance of order had as much to do with character as tech-

of herring

this century

From Our Own Correspondent

The British herring catch

this year was the lowest of the

century, but fetched the highest

Edinburgh yesterday by Dr. W. L. Dean, chairman of the

florring Industry Board. Landings at British ports were 42,000 tonnes compared with

JU,UUU tonnes from the Minch

plone three years ago. Earnings rose to £12.5m, which had

caused herring prices to be

There were signs of consumer resistance, he said, but the rise in price would probably continue until it reached the EEC level: Dutch and German housewives paid £1 for a large herring and thought it is delicacy well worth the money.

Dr Dean believed it unlikely that Britain would achieve a 50-mile exclusive fishing zone.

She should press for a licensing

avstem he said, the coasta

state being responsible for licences to fish within its 200-mile sovereign boundary. The

licences should cover method of fishing and mesh size of pets.

Officers at jail

to ban entry

of policemen

Officers at Parkhurst maximum security jail, Isle of Wight, have given unanimous hacking to their leaders in deciding to refuse to admit

policemen, civilian contractors and probation officers to the

They are acting in support of officers at Albany and Camp

Hill prisons on the island in demanding three free lerry

passes for their cars and

families to the mainland each

Albany and Camp Hill

officers are also refusing to do

erison in the new year.

more than doubled.

That was disclosed in

nique, even the best natural Visits to local firms combined teacher would be helped by with short spells of work practical instruction in the experience and linked courses control of a classroom. It was wrong to denounce teachers for not keeping order if they had

not been properly trained. In the colleges and university departments courses should lay less emphasis on education theories and be seared more to practical training in good teaching methods and the maintenance of discipline. It was clear from experience in the colleges that many lecturers in education were either unable or unwilling to impart that kind of training. There should be much closer liaison between

Good practising teachers should be allowed to take a term or a year off to teach in colleges; college lecturers should be required to return to school teaching at regular intervals or, better still, divide their results. their week between school and college. During the probationary year it would be helpful if each young teacher was attached to an older colleague

schools and teacher training establishments.

for help and guidance. In-service training could also be a great belo to teachers who had disciplinary difficulties. Many who were worn down by the daily battle to keep order welcomed new ideas and a

teachers from other schools. Closer cooperation must be established between local education authorities, school and home so that all pulled to-gether, "rather than conducting a tug of war, with teachers and children left in the middle".

Governing bodies and head teachers should give teachers clear guidelines so that they knew by whom, and on what occasions, sanctions could be used. Except in the most un-usual circumstances, head teachers and staff should be able to count on the full support of governing bodies and local education authorities in matters of discipline. Truents lacked motivation.

Lowest catch Failure of city's £280,000

By Our Planning Reporter

A widely publicized experi-mental peak-hour traffic scheme in Nottingham failed to

meet either of its two main

objectives, a report published

vesterday by the Transport and Road Research Laboratory con-

cludes.
The scheme, introduced by

Nottinghamshire County Council in August, 1975, at a cost of £280,000, and discontinued

a year later, was called the "rone and collar" experiment. It sought to give buses

priority over private cars by neans of selective traffic

Correspondent
Further government controls

on council spending would damage the local democratic

process, a report by the Char-tered Institute of Public Fluance

and Accountancy argues.
It concludes: "We do not

think there is a need for a detailed scrutiny and control of

over 450 local authorities or of

cycling than using local buses, according to a preliminary snalysis of the Government's

national travel survey, which was conducted in 1975-76.

The analysis, published yes-

terday, was made by the Eritish Road Federation from early computer results. The Govern-

computer results. The Government's own findings will be published next year.

Yesterday's auglysis finds that the only form of public transport to show an overall increase in use since the previous government survey in 1972-73 is the works or school bus. Cac-puning households

bus. Car-owning households have caused that increase hecause use of buses for such

journeys by households without

composition of their spending."
Council spending must in

peak-hour traffic scheme

missing sense of direction.

The decline in moral and

It would be wrong, he said, to make television programmes the scapegoat for the decline be discipline in the home, and the responsibility of selection should be placed on parents. They were, however, entitled to the cooperation of the BBC and the IBA in the timing of pro-

needed examining to counter information from the extreme left and right. "We do need some kind of consensus to make sure we do not produce a generation of political illiter-ares ", he said.

Professor Richard Whitfield, of Aston University, Birming-ham, said that a third of the teaching profession was now two-year trained and trainers were held in low esteem. Some thought many of them "laughable in their distance from the classroom "

"Over-reacting": Mr St John "Over-reacting": Mr St John Stevas's accusation of trench warfare in some schools was criticized later by Mr John Gray, president of the National Union of Teachers (the Press Association reports). He said Mr St John-Stevas was "over-reacting" to a few incidents. It would be doing education and the schools a grave disservice if the schools a grave disservice if that was accepted as general. In a few cases some teachers worried before they got to

school, but that had always been so. To suggest that teachers were being terrorized was a gross distortion. He agreed that there should be closer links between schools

and colleges. Mr Mark Stedman, assistant secretary of the Assistant Masters' Association, described Mr St John-Stevas's reference to trench warfare as "nothing more than sensationalism".

and transfer to coaches.

adopted by several other ciries. But in its epitaph the laboratory observes that it had

a negligible effect on traffic congestion, reduced bus

journey times by less than ta minute on average, increased

private journey times by no more than a minute and a half,

Councils 'need no new spending curbs'

with the Government's overall economic objectives but the

case for stronger central influ-ence had not been proved.

The report considers the question of controls, posed in the Layfield report on local government finance, and, although accepting the need for overall government control care.

ceeded in controlling its spend-ing within approved national

More Britons are walking or cent by bus. In Yorkshire and long-term trend towards private

Humberside walking accounted for a sixth of all journeys, com-pared with a tenth three years

pared with a tenth three years earlier.

Comparing changed travel patterns with those found in the 1972-73 survey, the federation's analysis indicates that in the period there was a 78 per cent rise in motoring costs and a 54 per cent rise in the cost of while transport fares. The cost

public transport fares. The cost of motoring has risen half as fast again as the cost of travel

by public transport, and the cost of goods generally.
Subsidies to public transport have trebled in real terms. Passengers have thus been cushioned against the full in

crease in the cost of providing

The federation said yester-day: "Against this background it might be expected that the

services.

Britons desert bus for bicycle

The British steel industry faces a crisis brought about by overproduction throughout the world. Steelmaking areas face a bleak future as our own correspondents report

# Politics aggravate the | Time may have come crisis in Scotland

There are 21,500 Scots who earn their living directly from steel and many more individuals and companies who bene-fit from that west of Scotland giant which sprawls in a millgiant which sprawls in a mil-scape of improbable chimneys, monstrous cylinders and tumes around Motherwell, Bellshill, Hamilton and Cambuslang; towns with an historic ring of steel about their names. They grew to rely on steel as other industrial areas relied on coal and shipbuilding. The steeland shipbuilding. The steel-works became a natural part of many lives.

The industry now insists that that can no longer be. If steel is in crisis, so are the com-munities that rely on the industry, however much redun-dancy is cushioned by compen-

The unpalatable fact is that a streamlined and technically efficient steel industry, "lean and fit" as one manager put it, means fewer jobs. In the Labour heartland and imporpast four years six of the old tant to the party's Scotish parenthearth steel place have and imporpared to the party's Scotish parenthearth steel place have and imporpared to the party's Scotish parenthearth steel place have and imporpared to the party's Scotish parenthearth steel place have and imporpared to the party's Scotish parenthearth steel place have and imporpared to the party's Scotish parenthearth steel place have and imporpared to the party's Scotish parenthearth steel place have and imporpared to the party scotish parenthearth steel place to the party scotiand the difficulty is exacerbated for the Government by the Scottish parenthearth steel industry.

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The British Steel Corporation division work more redundancies are investment.

dancies are inevitable.

The industry badly needs to move at least in the general direction of profitability. Scottish steelmaking is receiving more than £450m in new equipment and plant and has won a much higher proportion of the United Kingdom investment spending than Scottish ment spending than Scottish steel output has added to the United Kingdom tonnage.

The Scottish development programme is well advanced centres on doubling the capacity of the Ravenscraig

More than £150m has been spent on the ore rerminal and direct reduction plant at Hun-terston on the Clyde, which should be completed next autumn. The industry is confident it will soon be in a posi-tion to produce high quality, competitively priced steel Unfortunately that will add

to over-capacity and leaders of the industry doubt whether the predicted improvement in the economy next year will help. Any marginal movement in the home market seems unlikely to improve overall levels, mainly because of the low profit mar-gins accepted on big export orders, which might be eliminated by inflation. In Scotland the difficulty is

open-hearth steel plants have vote and its position at Westclosed and the workforce has minster. The SNP has been been cut by 5,000.

Last year the British Steel plight of steel, suggesting a 
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strongly reject that, and point they are on the defensive. More redundancies seem inev-itable, which may be paid for in Labour votes as steel joins those other enterprises that have discovered that modern technology and overmanning with too few orders is the cost-liest of all possible worlds.

# to drop old process

Professor Edward Nevin, professor of economics at University College, Swansez, declined recently to make the short journey from his home to Port Talbot to take part in a radio broadcast with workers on the future of steel. He did so he said, because he did not feel he would be able to hold a rational discussion on a subject that is as emotive in Wales as

He probably took the right decision. His message to the workers of Port Talbot would have been as welcome as bubonic plague.

Stated simply, Professor Nevin believes the time has come for Britain to consider as a basic steelmaking country and to concentrate technology instead at the finishing end. Money earmarked for steel expansion could be regenerated to provide alternative jobs, he In the immediate term Pro-

fessor Nevia believes that the losses of the British Steel Corporation are so catastrophic that hard decisions must be made to shed labour. The industry, he states is no longer credible for more than a mat-

He presses home his argument with the analogy of the decline of the Lancashire textile industry. Basic cotton-making in Britain foundered before the

flood of good quality imports produced on ricebowl wages. west face a similar threat as the Koreans and other new producers begin to undercut

that some underdevel-countries buy their technical skills from the British Steel Corporation, but Mr Peter Allen, managing director of the Welsh division, defends the practice on the ground that if the corporation did not one of its competitors would. Port Talbot is still waiting to

hear whether ac £835m development scheme designed to increase its capacity from three million tons a year to six million tons will go ahead. Earlier this year the development seemed certain, but since March the huge over-capacity in the industry has caused the decision to be postponed.

Another factor in delaying the announcement was a strike by electricians that cost an estimated £27m and greatly contributed to the division's half-year losses of £80m.

A total of 69,000 people work in the iron and steel industry in Wales, about 56,000 of whom are employed by the corporation making it the big-

gest single employer in Wales. It will still be the biggest employer if plans to reduce the workforce to about 40,000 by the early 1980s are othered to adhered to. From Llanwern in the east

to Port Telbot and beyond in the west, steel dominates the South Wales coastal strip. While Mr Michael Foot and other Labour politicians do their best to lessen the effects on their constituencies, other political parties also say that economic measures must not be given absolute priority The number of people out of work in Wales increased from just over 34,000 in 1974 to 91,000 in November this year.

male unemployment is 12.7 per cent. On Teesside the figure is

9.6 per cent. Including 1,501
women and girls, there are
5,041 unemployed in Harrlepool,
equal to 11.5 per cent of the
working population and only
125 vacancies notified to employment and careers officers.
On the south side of the estu-

ary, at Redcar, a sinter plant and coke ovens have been ready

since June, but troubles with unions on manning levels have

delayed operations.

Commissioning of plant at the

Hartiepool steelworkers looks

Brussels fixes prices, page 15

but the immediate future

# Liquidation decision confirmed for magazine

By Kenneth Gosling Creditors of the company that owns Studio International. the contemporary art magazine founded in 1893, which published its last issue in the spring were told yesterday that it had lost advertisements because of the recession and had not regained them.

It was decided to appoint a liquidator for the main holding company. Studio International Publications, and two subsidiary companies, Studio International Journal and Warehouse Publishing, offer the creditors had been told of liabilities totalling 2250,000.

Mr Michael Spens, who acquired the magazine in 1972, said a trust had been formed to publish one or two further issues so that the magazine could be sold as a going

"Once the magazine stops, for every issue that does not appear it diminishes in value and subscriptions tend to tail off, he added. The fact that subscriptions had held un reasonably well was an indication of confidence that the magazine would reappear, and the trust was ready to go to print with the next issue, the third prepared for this year.

The meeting was told that assets included 11,310 back issues of the magazine valued at £1 each, and books worth £850.

# **British players** do well in Hastings chess From Harry Golombak Chess Correspondent

Hastings
Although without their thric grandmasters, Miles, Keene and Srean, the British contingent were doing remarkably well yesterday to the Premier chess tournament Hastings. Num and Webb scored impres-

at Hastings.

Nunn and Webb scored impressive victories in round two. Nunn outplayed Fedorowicz in a variation of the Sicilian defence that resembled a line used in a well known game in the Snossky-Fischer match at Reykjavik in 1972. Webb won a beautiful game against Botteruli and leads with two points.

Speelman soon had strong pressure against Tisdall and won neatly in 25 moves. Clashes between the grandmasters, Petrosian and Svechnikov, and Tarjan against Hort, ended in draws.

Mestel adjourned against Daindathashvili in a position where the israeli grandmaster had an advantage, as Mestel was a pown down without sufficient compensation.

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when finished will go shead in 1978 and jobs will become available from time to time. a bachelor, is leaving his form Mr Desmond Jeeves, aged 58, a bachelor, is leaving his four-hedroom house at North Furm, Stanton Fitzwerren, near Swindon, Wiltshire, roday because the London based Sun Myung Moon Foundation, known as the Moon roundation, known as the Moon People, was granted possession of the house by December 31 in a county court case last June.

Caxton Hall closes

Caxton Hall register office. Westminster, famous for marstars and society personalities, closes today after 44 years.

Police hunt rapist A police hunt began yesterday for a man who raped a girl aged 15 who had just finished her morning paper round at Frenchay. Bristol.

# Change to other industries pays off for city

Not many years ago a world shump in steel would have spelt disaster for Sheffield and its satellite towns. Industrial diversification has paid off so that the present state of steel is their cars outside the centre Had it succeeded, similar schemes might have been

the present state of steel is likely to affect only some of the jobs provided by the city.

The Sheffield division of the British Steel Corporation has skilfully and quietly managed its manpower affairs so that job losses are not immediately apparent among the 32,000 staff.

The division has been helped because there is to be no cut in its capital spending programme, including the £130m stainless steel plant at Sheffield, which is starting to commission. and produced no significant changes in travel habits.
Notingham Zones and Collar Study—Overall Assessment. Report 80: Travsport and Road Research Laboratory. Crowthorne, Berkshire, RG11 6AU). which is starting to commission. About a thousand jobs have been dispensed with in other sreas of steel production through natural wastage, but the new stainless plant has

ing and presentation of the annual public expenditure White Papers should be on two

levels: The first on the aggre

gate size of the public compared

with the private sector; the second setting out the resources desirable for each group of

public agencies.

Local Government Finance and
Macro-Economic Policy (Chartered
Institute of Public Finance
Accountancy, 1 Buckingham
Place, London, SW1, £2).

transport at the expense of public transport might be slowed or halted. But in fact

public transport has continued to lose against private transport

like cars, motor cycles, bicycles and walking."

a decline in use of public trans-

All regions of Britain showed

Greater London made the big-

gest use of public transport. A tenth of all journeys there were by British Rail or London Transport. Underground, the highest rail use in the country.

The national average, which was inflated by the London

figures, was about one trip in 40 by rail, against about one

40 by rail, against about one in 35 in the earlier survey.

Scotland was the greatest user of public transport.

public agencies.

bers. There have been only a few enforced redundancies and with the unemployment-rate at 4.4 per cent in the Sheffield travel-to-work area, compared with a 6.1 per cent national average. Sheffield may be said to be fairly satisfactory as a place in which to work.

That is not the case at Bil-ston, near Wolverhampton, in the south of the Sheffield division, it seems possible that the works there will close in 1980. About 2,500 jobs are threatened and workers bave voted to spicose closure. Mass picketing by West Midlands workers is being advocated by the more militant although British Steel has made clear that although the more described by the more des that no closure decision has

The possibility of the works being taken over by a consor-tium of private steel companies

tion considers the plant out-dated. Wolverbampton has 6 per cent unemployment, slightly whose the West Midlands average of 5.5 per cent. With 8,444 out of work, another 2,500 would be a catamity. The Scunthorpe division can

match its productivity rate against that of most European countries and an important contributor to that is its manpower policy.

up around longer established works about three thousand people have been shed through natural wastage and retraining, but redundancies are un-likely.

One of the North's most everely affected areas is Hartlepool, in the Teesside division. Steelmaking there was auspended on December 10 and a few days ago primary rolling was

# Government land search

By Hugh Clayton The Government has begun to pursue some of the most interesting and clusive information in British agriculture. It wants to lind our who owns the land.

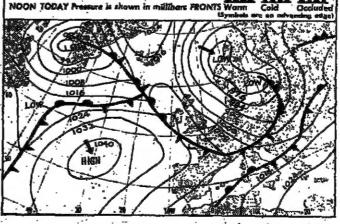
The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food said yester day that it would start a pilot survey of Myror Boyer Hores.

register of ownership.

The pattern of ownership is so finely interwoven with partnerships, leasebacks and company nominues and subsidiaries that it is often almost impossible to discover the real owner of a farm.

The ministry has been eucouraged in its quest by com-plaints about the lack of a survey at Wyre Forest, Here plaints about the lack of ford and Worcester, on New public register from emityear's Day. One obstacle in bodies such as the Econocreating farming policies is Development Committee that there is no central public Agriculture, public register from eminent bodies such as the Economic

# Weather forecast and recordings



Today

Last quarter: January 2.

Lighting up : 4.30 pm to 7.36 am. High water: London Bridge, 4.23 am, 6.9m (22.6ft); 4.47 pm, 6.9m (22.7ft). Avommouth; 9.42 am, 12.5m (41.0ft); 10.4 pm, 12.3m (40.4ft). Dover, 1.24 am, 6.5m (21.3ft); 1.43 pm, 6.2m (20.4ft). Hull, 8.56 am, 6.6m (21.7ft); 8.51 pm, 6.9m (22.8ft). Liverpool, 1.42 am, 8.5m (27.8ft) ; 1.52 pm, 8.7m

A cold N'airstream covers the

Porecasts for 6 am to midnight: London, SE, Central S England: Sunny spells, mainly dry; wind NW moderate or fresh; max temp 6°C (43°F). Channel Islands, SW England,

f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; an, snow,

Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland. Orkney, Shetland: Showers of sleet and snow, heavy at times, bright intervals; wind NW, strong to gale; max temp 3°C (37°F). Outlook for tomorrow and Sunday: Rain or sleet at times, occasional snow in N, chiefly on hills;

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY : c, cloud ; d, drizzie ;

S Wales: Sunny spells, scattered

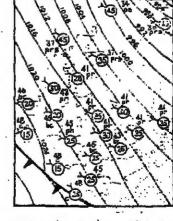
showers; wind NW, fresh or

East Anglia, Midlands: Suniv spells, Scattered wintry showers; wind NW, moderate or fresh; max temp 5°C (41°F).

N Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man, NW Central N England, SW

Scorland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ire-land: Sunny intervals, scattered winty showers, snow on hills; wind NW, fresh or strong; max temp 5°C (41°F).

strong; max-temp 7°C (45°F).



Sea passages: S North Sea Irish Sea: Wind NW, strong to gale: sea very rough.

Strait of Dover, English Channel (E), St George's Channel ; Wind NW, strong ; sea rough.

. Yesterday E, NE England. Borders, Edinburgh. Dundee: Sunny intervals, occasional wintry showers, snow un hills; wind NW. strong to gale; max temp 4°C (39°F).

London: Temp max, 6 am to 6 pm, 8°C (45°F); min, 6 pm to 6 am, 3°C (37°F). Humberty, 5 pm. 79 per cent. Rain. 24 hr to 6 pm. 24 hr to 6 pm. 31. Bar, mean ser level, 6 pm, 1,012.7 millibars, faling 1.000 millibars = 29.52in

Overseas selling prices 

# Judges grant many orders to battered women

escort duty to mainland jails.

Some prisoners due for a transfer will have to wait on the island indefinitely.

Journeys by nonzellous microstration will have to wait on the island indefinitely.

By Our Legal Correspondent Contrary to criticism recently expressed, judges are granting a high proportion of injunctions asked for by women who say they have been battered the men with whom they

Earlier this month the Legal Action Group, a pressure and educational group with nearly four thousand members, mainly

lawyers, said county court judges had shown themselves reluctant to make injunctions

Restaurant fire charges | Quicker rail travel Mohammad Arshad, aged 28, the manager of an Indian restaurant in Stapleton Road, by Bristol magistrates vesterday, accused of setting fire to the restaurant and killing six people.

#### excluding violent men from shared homes. The power to the courts by the Domestic and Matrimonial Proceedings Act,

For the five months from June to October this year, a total 1,745 injunctions were granted under the Act, excluding the male partner of a. relationship from the home. During the same period only 174 were refused, a tenth of

the applications.

New high-speed trains, which will cut 40 minutes off the journey between Edinburgh and London, will be introduced next spring and before 1979 on the Glasgow-London line, British Rail announced yester-

# Wheel nuts loosened on firefighting vehicles

From Our Correspondent Bristoi ·

Bristol police yesterday were investigating incidents in which eight Service vehicles on firefighting duty were tamp-ered with. Wheel nuts were loosened on five "Green Goddess" appliances, a fount tender, a hose appliance and a Land-Rover used as a command vehicle.

An army engineer, making a routine check yesterday at the Old Bristol Maternity Hospital emergency base at Redland, found that the vehicles wheel nuts were loose. Police were

Patrols have been ordered to keep watch for latruders at firefighting bases, and extra guards have been posted at the Redland base, where 130 men are stationed.

A fortnight ago wheel nuts loosened on an army

breakdown vehicle and a crash wagon at Bristol firefighting bases. A police vehicle was put out of action after its high leads had

Mr Reginald Holmes, secretary of the Fire Brigades Union in Avon, said: "None of our personnel are near the emergency bases, and for any of them to do this sort of thing is

beyond all comprehension." Arson case: The Police said yesterday that evidence had been found that a fire that destroyed a striking fireman's house at Althorne, Essex, over the Christmas weekend, started deliberately (our Correspondent Chelmsford writes).

Mr Allan Nicholson was on picket duty when fire swept his house. His wife and two nuse. His wife and two in were with relatives. Lending article, page 13. children were with relatives.

#### Former chief of self-employed is found dead

Mr. Norman Small, founder of the National Pederation of Self-Employed, was found dead in a room at the Crescent Hotel, liking, West Yorkshire, vesterday.

The police said that a man would appear in court at Keighley today charged with

Mr Small, aged 65, a retired army captain, of Heaton Moor, Stockport, founded the federa-tion in 1974 after becoming aware of growing discontent over issues such as value-added tax and other forms of taxation. Membership rose rapidly. A year later he resigned, because, he said, of ill health and because the organization which then had 42,000 members "lacked professionalism".

#### Woman's killer was on parole

lack Stokes, aged 32, of Willington, Durham, killed a woman while on parole, the Home Office confirmed last night. He is now serving a life sentence for the manslaughter of Mrs Beryl Mercieca, baving been paroled in June.

Durham Crown Court had jailed him for taking a motor vehicle and being in breach of a suspended sentence. The Home Office sold that when re-leased "he had not killed any-one and the offences involved were not ones of violence".

Shipowner's suicide Mr Robert Nicholas Dalglish, aged 39, managing director of a Tyneside firm of shipowners, who was found dead in his car with a double barrel shotgun between his legs at Beal, Northumberland committed suicide a coroner decided -vesterday.

An eye for comedy The BBC said yesterday that the Morecambe and Wise tele-vision show on Christmas Day had 28 million viewers, com-pared with 10 million for the Muppers, independent relevi-sion's biggest audience.

Ex-president hurt Mr Cearbhall O'Dalaigh, aged 66: former President of the Irish Republic, is in hospital

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#### HOME NEWS.

'The Good Old Days' becomes longest-running light entertainment show

# Music-hall story starts on twenty-fifth year



Mr Barney Colehan (centre), producer of "The Good Old Days", and Mr Leonard Sachs (second left), its compere, celebrating its anniversary with Ken Dodd (fourth right), regular members of the cast, and Mr Colehan's secretary

By Kenneth Gosling Mr Barney Coleban will produce his 200th edition of The Good Old Days tomorrow after Match of the Day, Next month he leunches the programme on its twenty-fifth year, the longest-running light entertain-ment show in the world, the RRI ears.

BBC says.

Mr Colehan conceived the Mr Coleran conceived the idea of presenting variety in a mue music-hall setting at the City Varieties. Theatre, Leeds, beginning with a production in 1952 called The Story of the Music-Hall, and following with a series in 1953 which has run without a break every winter. without a break every winter

since then.
Where Chaplin, Dan Leno and Lify Languy once trod the boards, there appear before the cumeras and audience dressed

slapped man

loses case

in period costume such modern artists as Ken Dodd, More-cambe and Wise (paid 25 guineas on their first appear-ance), Roy Castle and Dora

Bryan. Leonard Sachs links the acts as the alliterative chairman, having followed Don Gemmeli into the chair after the first couple of shows.

The purists will say there

was never a chairman for Edwardian music-hall, "but we needed someone to link and introduce the acts." Mr Colehan says: The acts have changed but

stage, radio and television play-ing to not merely a few hun-dred people but millions, he stage, radio and television has an answer to that, too.
"I can now use people like

Sandie Shaw and Eartha Kitt, and it doesn't seem strange. It and it doesn't seem strange. It succeeds because you can put Eartha in a setting with a sona like 'I was a good little girl, 'til I met you' end it works." Artists change, so do costs. In the 1950s the whole show could be done on a budget of £700, often less, and the artists collected less than £300 between them Today it costs. tween them, Today it costs

Ken Dodd made his first television appearance on the show in 1955, receiving £32 9s 4d. He is emphatic about the value of The Good Old Daps at a time when theatres are closing up and down the country.

you are never going to get the unities. Where are they supposed to learn their trade? If the owners do not want them, Mr Dodd; says, the theatres should be run by trusts, and that is an area where the Theatres Trust has already shown it will play

important part.

He has played in 20 of the shows. "It is very like a pension scheme: I call it 'Barney's plan'."

Members of the audience are show in 1955, receiving first show i

An industrial tribunal in Bir-mingham has ruled that it was The change in security is noted in a new year message from Mr Mason. Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, to the people of the province yesterday. Bombings were down by three fifths, there were markedly fewer deaths, and a record number of people had been charged and convicted of serious crimes, he said.

"There can be no doubt that the tide has turned against the terrorist."

The Government had killed gross misconduct for a woman to slap a man on the face. It said yesterday that Mrs Florence Marshall, aged 54, a factory worker, was out of order when she slapped the man after she had lost her tem-

per with him.

The tribunal said her action was against the "charter for employees" operated by the company, BRD Company, of Aldridge, Staffordshire, It agreed with the company that the violence amounted to gross misconduct and that the com-puty did not act unfairly in dismissing Mrs Marshau, or Walsall Road, Heath End,

Mr Stephen Eastwood, giving the tribunal decision in writing, said that the man put down materials with which Mrs Mar-shall had to work too far away for her 10 reach and she shouted

Mr Eastwood said it was argued that the company had not taken into account Mrs Marshall's age and previous good record, but violence among machinery in a crowded factory, and its possible consequence, made it a serious offence.

# Woman who Terrorist tide has turned, Mr Mason tells Ulster

Belfast

The Government had killed for ever the myth of economic withdrawal. It was concerned with the quality of life and was determined that there could be no second-class citizens.
"But," Mr Mason continued,

"this is not yet enough. The commission of crime is still a major problem and its consequences afflict the community." In the coming year he wished to see progress on economic and social welfare, security, and

the political situation.

Although he sensed no groundswell for change in the political structures he recogpointed spectures he recog-nized that greater stability might make people want more say in running their affairs. The pace of political change depended on their willingness

The coming year would be vital for Northern Ireland. He realized the risks of optimism but believed that many people were cautiously agreeing that the return to normality had

"We must now increase the momentum," he said. "We must brighten up the whole pro-vince. We must restore its attraction for the businessman and for the tourist. Northern

very will be devoted to it, went on "But above all for the people of the province we are getting rid of the misery and unhappiness which has been so much a part of life for far

Belfast blasts: Two bombs exploded in a central Belfast shop or lunchtime yesterday (the Press Association reports). They were in the Kitchen Centre in Peter's Hill but no

one was hert.

The fire they started quickly took hold and burnt out the building. The bombs were planted by two yourts, who ran out of the shop, shouting

# In brief

#### Man with garotte discharged

Terence Downey, aged 18, who said he carried a wire garotte in his trouser turn-up to protect himself and his family from his farher, was conditionally discharged for a year at Thames Magistrates'

Court, London, yesterday. Mr Downey, unemployed, of St Vincent Street, Poplar, had been convicted of having the

Skateboarders warned

Publisher divorced

aged 37, the publisher, was granted a decree nisi by con-

Lampreys have been reported in the Trent after an absence of sixty years near Newark, Nortinghamshire.

Ska eboarders in Sheffle'd face prosecution if the persistently defy police warpings to avoid pedestrian precincts and

The wife of Mr Anthony Francis John Crosthwaite-Eyre,

## Equal Opportunities Commission survives criticism from left and right

# Solid achievements for women despite gibes

Commission came into being two years ago yesterday it has been assailed by the left for not doing enough and by the right

for existing at all.
Employers see it as the bureaucratic arm of unnecessary legislation and many Con-servatives as a huge waste of taxpayers' money. Some would like to kill the 120-headed monster, which this year are

Critics on the left point out that the new Commission on Racial Equality has initiated as many formal investigations in its first six months as the other commission has in the past two

The opportunities commission was set up at the end of 1975 to monitor the equal pay and sex discrimination Acts, to work towards the elimination of discrimination and to pronote equality of opportunity men and women

The main criticism levelled at it is that it has not made enough use of its statutory powers, particularly its power conduct formal investigations no businesses or organizations sumected of discriminating.

The two investigations it has set un, into Tameside education authority, Greater Manchester, by angry parents in the first case and by a High Court judge.

n the second. Tameside parents complained discrimination against girls, because one of the two local grammar schools offering places in 1976 was reserved for boys. It took the commission 14 anths to return a verdict of "It guilty, on the ground that the Sex Discrimination Act "cluded single-rex schools. The "Testigators could consider only the mixed grammar school," ch that year took more girls

The investigation, however, Since the Equal Opportunities showed up the Act's weaknesses and at least one commissioner now feels that the Act needs strengthening on single-sex The second investigation was

wished on the commission was wished on the commission by Mr Justice Philips, President of the Employment Appeal Tribunal, who suggested it when the first of a series of cases against Electrolux came before bim. The result of the Electrolux investigation is

One investigation and a half in two years is not an impres-sive total, but it should be remembered that the device of a formal investigation, under which the commissioners can call witnesses and issue noncall witnesses and issue nondiscrimination notices with the power of law, was new when the commission was established. The Commission on Racial Equality, in contrast, has been able to benefit from the other

commission's experience. One school of thought among the 15 commissioners, moreover, prefers persuasion to compulsion and believes that steady work behind the scenes can be just as effective as open investigations.

But that idea has waved in the past few months and the commissioners recently decided and Electrolux Ltd of Luton, commissioners recently decided were more or less forced on it on four or five investigations a year, starting possibly with a look at credit facilities.

Some of the commission's most valuable work has been in giving legal advice and assistance to people who want to use the two Acts. It has helped 76 cases, including one that went to the House of

Lords. A body of case law has een developed which in lany instances has clarified the meaning of the Acts. For example, the case of Mrs. Carherine Roberts v the Cleveland Area Health Authority established that the Sex Dis-crimination Act did not make compulsory retirement women at 60 unlawful, akhbo men do not have to retire until

commission has found defects. Under the Equal Pay Act a woman cannot bring a case against her employer unless she can be compared with a man doing "like work". That presents a difficulty because so many women do all-female jobs.

The commission is elso considering whether to recommend a new clause in the Equal Pay-Act outlawing indirect as well as direct discrimination. The Sex Discrimination Act has such a clause, which was used in the case of Price v the Civil Ser-

Mrs Belinda Price won her claim that the Civil Services recruiting age limit of 28 in-directly discriminated against women because during their twenties women were busy hav-

Such a clause in the Equal Pay Act might affect company rules on pensions and other matters covered by an employee's contract that are not covered by the sister ACL.
Apart from investigations,

legal case work and monitoring the Acts, the commission has submitted evidence to royal commissions on the health ser-vice and on income distribution and wealth and is about to submit evidence to the Royal Commission on Legal Services. It has published proposals for reforming the tax laws, guidance for advertizers, and a con-sultative document on retire-

ment age. In May the commissioners discussed taxation with the Chancellor of the Exchequer, They have met the Secretary of State for Education and Science several times to discuss dis-

crimination in students' grants in the school curriculum and in education curs. The list does not satisfy the

the list does not saristy the commission's critics, however, who feel that the commission is a paper tiger. The National Council for Civil Liberties would like a tougher saritude to employers who are evading the Acts, while Rights of Women, a collective of woman lawyers would like the commission to make more noise, arguing that if its work came more into the public eye more women would make use of the Acts.

Both groups would welcome the appointment of some younger and more radical commissioners. Since the resignation of Mrs Caroline Woodroffe cheirman of the Brook Advisory Centres, there has been no romen commissioner under 40.

Some potential commissioners are discouraged by the commis sion's location in Manchester which is frustrating for those living in London. Two commis-sioners have left this year because they could not attend Staffing difficulties have

dogged the commission's his-tery; it had to recrate during the first six months without a chief executive and for the first year without a senior legal offi-cer. Some of the permanent resented the slowness with which the commissioners moved, while the commissioners were not always beppy with the staff's standard of work.

The situation appears to be improving. It is rumoured that the Home Office intends to appoint a tough young woman to replace Mrs Woodroffe; many of the staffing difficul-ties have been solved and some of the initial distrust between staff and commissioners has

disappeared.
Now that its inital difficulties are over, the poper tiger may become an animal of more WEST EUROPE

# Officials planning fraudulent use of postal votes by Frenchmen living abroad, M Mitterrand says

Paris, Dec 29

M François Minerrand, the Socialist Party leader, bluntly accused the Government today of making preparations to rig the votes of about a million Frenchmen resident a broad. He claimed at a press conference that the documents already in the possession of his party made it possible to insti-tute proceedings against officials "guilty of electoral

Although at this stage documentary evidence published in the press points to only one case of fraud, the affair shows case of fraud, the affair shows signs of developing into a mojor political scandal. And, if othe reases are proven by the courts, they will cast suspicion on the results of the parliamentary elections next March. In many marginal constituencies the postal proxy votes of Frenchmen resident abroad could be decisive.

The Socialist leader read out

could be decisive.

The Socialist leader read out the text of a written question to the Prime Minister asking for information about the steps taken by the Government to put and end to this fraud, which, he alleged, was being carried out under cover by the which, he alleged, was being carried out under cover by the

French authorities.

He referred to a confidential telegram, published by the satirical weekly Le Canard Enchaine, from the French Ambassador to Gabon to the Bavaian Ministry at the Ambassador to Gabon to the Foreign Ministry at the beginning of this month, informing it of the arrival in Paris of a representative of French residents in the country bearing 1,650 blank postal

Sisters born in

concentration

camp reunited

From Our Correspondent
Berlin, Dec 29
Two sisters born in 1940 and
1941 respectively and separated
soon afterwards have found each

other with the help of the International Rod Cross search

service for missing persons. Both Frau Irmgard Marmaras

and Frau Gertrud Henning spent the past 30 years in the Cologue area without knowing of each other.

of each other.

They were born in a concentration camp in East Prussia to which their parents had been sent for helping Jews. They were taken away from the parents and entrusted to different people who fled from East Prussia to West Germany in 1945 and 1946 respectively.

Last year the younger of the two wrote to the Red Cross inquiring about her sister.

ment des Français de l'Etranger, a Gaullist organization; and of the dispatch a formight later of t wo other

batches of blank proxy votes.

"This is nothing more than
a racket". M Mitterrand
declared. "It involves the collection through the channel of French embassies and consulates aborad of blank proxy votes, and their distribution among the parties of the government majority and among those constituencies where the results of the municipal elections, last March, showed a parliamentary seat was threatened by the advance of

the left."

The trouble goes back to an amendment of the electoral law last July, described by M Mitterrand as "pregnant with abuses", which eased the formalities of voting by proxy for Frenchmen resident abroad.

Under the previous system, they could only vote by proxy in those municipalities where they were registered as voters through a locally registered voter. This provoked the complaint that Frenchmen abroad were treated as second class

register as a voter in any municipality with a population of over 30,000 and give their of over \$0,000 and give their proxy vote to another person already registered in that municipality. But the number of such proxy votes is limited to two per cent of the total number of registered voters.

The publication of the telegram from the French Ambas-

Valletta, Dec 29

Letter bomb kills daughter

of doctor in Malta

Flags were flying at halfmast

on Government buildings here today in mourning for a fifteen-year-old girl killed by a letter bomb.

The bomb was addressed to

Dr Edwin Grech, an obstetric-ian. It exploded yesterday in the hands of his daughter,

Karen, who died soon after-wards. Her mother and her

wards. Her mother and her brother, Kevin, aged 12, were lojured. They were flown to London, where the boy is to undergo plastic surgery.

Dr Grech, who came to Malta recently, was appointed sconsultant at Malta University after the suspension of almost the entire academic staff by the

entire academic staff by the Government as a result of in-dustrial action by the Medical Association of Malta. The

proxy votes destined for the sador in Libreville provoked at embarrassed reaction from the Quai d'Orsay, the French Ministery, vesterday, and another statement today, empha-sizing that an official mission of investigation had already been sent out to Gabon-

The statement said the ministry was taking a very serious of the abuse of consular privileges through the issue of blank proxy votes. Any irregu-larities that might have occurred in Gabon in no way justify doubt being cast on the neutrality of Foreign Ministry officials", it added.

M iMtterrand said the com-plete dossier on similar irregularities would be pub-lished by the Socialist Party after the closing of electoral registers on December 31.

But he recalled that M Gaston

But he recalled that M Gaston Defferre, the leader of the Socialist parliamentary party, had at the close of the parliamentary session protested against a circular sent by a government party to French residents in the Ivory Coast calling on them to "vote usefully". They were urged to register in a constituency of Marseilles, and oneof Montpellier, where the Socialist candidates were elected by margins of 1,600 and 900 votes respectively, and 900 votes respectively, and where postal proxy votes could easily tip the scales in favour of the Government Majority. The Socialist claim is not that the government parties canvass the votes of French residents abroad but that this is being done in favour of the mapority with the connivance of the French authorities, both abroad

doctor's strike has now lasted

Karen had returned home for

the Christmas holiday from her convent school in England.

Athens, Dec 29.—A letter bomb addressed to the Bulgarian consulate here went off in the hands of a postman. The letter was addressed to Mr Sergei Trochin, the Bulgarian Consul, and carried anti-

communist slogans, Responsibility for the attack was claimed

by an extreme right-wing group, the Greek National Socialist Organization, which had admit-ted responsibility for a sories of letter bomb attacks

Among those sent bombs were

# France buys papers of Napoleon's brother

Paris, Dec 29

French Archives have just acquired the private archives of Joseph Bonaparte, King of Spain and were seized by British troops in the king's travelling carriage at the battle of Vitoria in

The archives were sold by the eighth Duke of Wellington to the French National Archives last month after negotiations lasting almost a year, for 1,100,000 francs (about £122,000).

King Joseph's archives have not been hitherto used by his-torians. They are expected to shed light on the government of Spain under Naopleon, on of Spain under Nappieon, on the relations between Napoleon and his brother, and on the peninsular war from the French standpoint as well as on the Kingdom of Naples, which Joseph Bonapurte ruled until 1808.

The collection consists of 37 box files captured at Vitoria, and a black canteen which contains letters from the king and intercepted by the British forces or by Spanish insurgents and never read by the addressee. King Joseph took his archives with him when he travelled, regarding Madrid as unsafe.

King Joseph, particularly in king Joseph, particularly in a letter dated 1813, is remarkably clear minded about the situation of the French in Spain. He states that if Madrid is lost, the whole ediface of French rule will collapse. He also exputiates on his difficulties with his marshals, especially Soult.

The collection includes also the rolls of the Grand Army in Spain, and a large ounter of documents on the financing of French troops. There are no linkers in the control of the control o diplomatic papers as King Joseph did not have a diplomacy of his own. Relations with foreign countries were run centrally from Paris.

#### Belgian gang led by boy of eight

Liège, Dec 29.—Police have arrested a gang of seven boys aged eight to 15 who stole about 90,000 rancs (about £1,385) worth of toys and clothes. The gang leader, aged eight, was parading through the town wearing a 27,000 francs fur coat and carrying two guns. Police said he was terrorizing his mates and forcing them to steal—AP.

headquarters of a local Jewish group and an office of the Greek Communist Party.—AP



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# Basques suspected of hijacking second van with explosives

From William Chislert Madrid, Dec 29

Gullarta. Most of the explosives were a type of nitroglycerine.
The Besque separatist organization, ETA, has not claimed responsibility for either of the robberies, but the hijackings bore the hallmarks of the group, which has recently increased its campaign of violence. Since November, ETA has claimed responsibility for

three killings.

It was previously thought that only the military wing of ETA was taking an active part in the violence, but now it seems that its political-military wing is also involved.

ETA is known to be tightly knit, to have few mikitants, and to be poorly armed. This could explain the seizing of

Vote for

death

penalty

# looking for allies

Madrid, Dec 29.—A proposal to abolish the death penalty in Spain was voted down in the Upper House of the Cortes. The draft Bill to end capital punishment was defeated by 104 votes to 92 at the year-end session after being introduced by Socialists and Independents.

During the four-hour debate, Senor Landevino Lavilla Alsina, the Minister of Justice, argued against "basty aboltion". He said that it could increase the feeling that "some social sectors" had of being "unprotected".—Agence France-Presse.

#### British tourists die in Belgian motorway crash

Antwerp, Dec 29.—Three young Britons were killed last night on the Brussels-Antwerp motorway. Belgian police said their car crashed into a con-

their car crasted into a con-crete lamp post.
The three were Mrs Julie Eurton, of Upton Road, Worthing, Miss Peta Corkett, of Harlands Close, Haywards Heath, Sussex, and Mr Stephen Glover, of Pasture Hill Road, Haywards Heath. All were aged 23. Mrs Burton's husband, Richard, is in hospital with serious injuries.

Basque extremists struck for a new phase of its campaign the second consecutive day directed against "all those today, bijacking a van containing second consecutive day bijacking a van containing second contain ing 600lb of explosives after having yesterday seized one with 2,000lb.

Five armed men forced the society."

The robberies came at a society."

Five armed men forced the The robberies came at a driver today to stop on the crucial rime in the talks Samander to Bibbao road near between the Government and Basque politicians over a degree of autonomy. Agreement was reached in November, but the Government claims that the parliamentarians of the ruling Democratic Centre Union in the province of Navarra, are not party to the agreement with the three strictly Basque provinces. The Government appears to be prepared to grant limited autonomy to the Basque country with a special status for Navarra

> Barcelona, Dec 29.—A bomb damaged the law court build-ing in the Barcelona suburb of San Feliu ce Llobregat early today. There were no casual-

Two small bombs went off explain the seizing of outside the central law court explosives.

The Madrid newspaper windows No one has claimed informaciones tonight quotes responsibility.—Reuter.

# **Dr Soares**

From Our Correspondent . consultations on forming a new Portuguese government to succeed the Socialist administration which he headed.

It is virtually certain that he will be successful only if he administration which he headed.

admits—even on a non-party basis—members of at least the Social Democratic and Christian Democratic parties to the Cabinet. The Communists have stated that they do not care whether they are in the Govern-

whether they are in the Government or not.

Dr Soares's first consultation today was with Dr Freitas do Amaral, the leader of the Christian Democrats. After a two-hour conversation, Dr Amaral stated that the new Government must be based on "personalities with the support of a parliamentary majority".

There were some points of There were some points of

There were some points of agreement between the Socialist Parry and his own, he said, but there were also disagreements. "We are trying to overcome these", he said. "I am neither an optimist nor a pessimist. I am a realist. We are making an effort on these points". His parry would do all in its power to persuade the Social Democrats to collaborate.

to persuade the Social Demo-crats to collaborate.

Dr Soares was also having talks today with Dr Al'aro Cunhal, the Communist leader, and Senhor Sousa Franco, of the Social Democrats.



Porsche 928: first sports car to win the award. versions will be available in versions will be available in Britain early in the summer at a projected price of £18,750.

Prince Rainier of Monaco will present the prize at a ceremony in Monte Carlo on January 26. The choice of car of the year takes into considera-

# Porsche 928 voted car of the year

By Our Motoring

The Porsche 928 has been voted car of the year by an international jury of motoring writers. It is the first time since the creation of the award in 1962 that a sports car has been honoured.

in France, came fourth; another West German car, the Opel Rekord, was fifth and the Japanese Honda Accord sixth. No British cars were eligible for the award this year. The 928 has an eight-cylinder aluminium engine of 4.5 litres, giving a claimed top speed of 144 mph. Right-hand-drive

Iran firms ban

Italy and Danes

the Shah invaded their embassy

after receiving light sentences.

vaded the embassy in Copen-

were deported within days to

The chamber accused Italy and Denmark of showing indifference and said: "In order

to show their hurt feelings in

a practical way, they decided to suspend until further notice

their purchases from the two

Danish exports to Iran are worth about £60m a year, according to the Danish Ambassador in Teheran.—

West Germany, France, Austria and Sweden where they are

studying.

countries."

trade with

#### Communists fail to take power in San Marino

tion safety, comfort, perform-ance, technical innovation and

value for money.
With 261 votes, the 928 was

followed by two other West German cars, the BMW "7" Series (231 votes) and the Ford Granada (203). The Chrysler Rancho, a utility vehicle made

Teheran, Dec 29.—Iranian companies said today they have stopped trading with Denmark San Marino, Dec 29.—San Marino's Communists tonight gave up an attempt to regain power in this tiny mountain and Italy after attacks on Iranian diplomatic missions in state as they are just one parlia-mentary vote short of forming both countries.
The semi-official Chamber of

Western Europe's only Com Commerce, Industry and Mines munist: Government. said the companies were angered by the lettiency with which the attackers were trea-Signor Umberto Barulli, the party leader, given a mandate 10 days ago to try to solve a ted. They have imposed an inmonth-long government crisis, definite suspension on purchases from either Italy or Denmark. was unable to pick up the extra vote by the time his deadline expired this evening. Iranian students opposed to

The joint heads of state, two "captains-regent" who preside over the world's oldest republic, in Rome this month and were allowed to leave the country are likely to offer the Socialist Party a chance to form a gov-Another group of Iranians inerement early in the new year. But an election, probably in March, seemed inevitable to hagen two weeks ago. They caused some damage and were later jailed for three weeks, but end the political stalemate

#### Italian crisis

Uli Schmetzer reports on the crisis of growing numbers and rising violence in Italy's universities in The Times Higher Education Supplement today. new two-volume catalogue of Turner's pointings, Peter Nokes discusses sincerity in the social sciences, and the issue includes Michael Rosenthal reviews a a review of 1977.

#### OVERSEAS.

# Oil cutbacks lie behind Mr Carter's

From David Cross Washington, Dec 29

President Carter left here second overseas tour since he took office nearly a year ago. His nine-day good-will trip, which will cover 18,000 miles, is taking him first to Poland, then to Iran, India, Saudi Arabia, France and Belgium. Before leaving Washington under a clear but birrerly cold

sky shortly after sunrise, ha told reporters outside the White House that in all the places he visited he would be reaffirming "our dedication to peace and our support of justice and of human rights". Earlier, Mr Carter had gone

Earlier, Mr Carter had gone to some lengths to explain the significance of the tour, which his been criticized in some quarters as something of a waste of time and effort. In an interview with four television network correspondents late last night the President said that discussion of American efforts to reduce its dependent can efforts to reduce its depen-dence of oil imports would be "a tie that binds the trip together.

"We are the leader of the world", he said. "We are one of the major oil producers. We are the greatest consumer and, until Congress does take action on the energy proposal that I pur forward last April that cloud will hang over the determination and leadership quali-

mination and leadership quali-ties of our country."

As might be expected from what amounted to an end-of-year report on his Administra-tion's first year in office, Mr Carter was in a reflective mood when he addressed the nation for a full hour from the Red Room of the White House through his journalist interme-diaries.

"If I have achieved any-

diaries.

'If I have achieved anything", he said modestly, "It has been to restore a tone to our nation's life and attitude of what we stand for." Reflecting the hopes and the dreams of the American people was the accomplishment of which he was most proud, he added.

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was most proud, he added.

His biggest misrake had perhaps, been to build the public's expectations of what was possible too high. "I dashed some hopes and disappointed some people who thought I might act quicker. I underestimated the difficulty and time required for Congress to take action of for Congress to take action on controversial measures."

Nevertheless, he was hopeful that his complex energy programme would be approved by Congress early in the new year. There had been what he called "private signs" from senators (whose failure to senators in the private signs. agree to continue limitations on natural gas price rises has been the main stumbling block to progress on the Bills) than compromise was emerging. In addition to the final approval of his energy programme, his other priorities for the coming year were the rati-

gramme, his other provides for the coming year were the rati-fication of the new draft Panama Canal treaties by the Senate, the tabling of a national health programme late in the year and further improvements in the American economy.

Once again the President expressed his optimism that the United States and the Soviet Union would be able to reach

From Our Own Correspondent

Federal safety and agricul-

tural experts are working out safety guidelines for grain-hand ling installations, four of which have exploded recently,

One explanation for the rash of explosions is that grain dust

may have been ignited by static electricity in abnormally dry air or by an electrical spark. Sabotage at the two worst explosions, in New Orleans and Galveston, Texas,

world chess championship quali-

Fring watch against Boris
Spassey.

In a letter to Mr Boxidar
Kezic, the untpire, he said he
would not resume the match

and no demonstration board was in sight of the players. He would exercise his right to

postpone the fourteenth game tomorrow but would play on Monday provided his demands

were net. If they were not, he would ask the International Chess Federation to move the

match from Belgrade. The Yugoslav organizers are

meeting tomorrow to consider the ultimatum. Mr Kazic said

of Korchnoi's demand that the public be excluded: "This just

cannot be done."
Korchnoi is leading 71-51 in the 20-game match to find a

challenger to Anatoly Karpov, the world champion. But he has now lost three games in a row-A grotesque blunder which cost him his queen and the

Washington, Dec 29

killing at least 50 people.

a new agreement to limit strate-gic arms (the Salt negotiations) in the coming months. "My guess is that 1978 will see us successful and my guess is that when we present it to Congress, the Salt agreement will be approved." along these lines."

Mr Bundy has had discussions in recent months, mainly with civil servants. He has

US agency criticized over

A spokesman for the Occupational Safety and Health poorly marked exits and proAdministration here, which perly earthed electrical cirlooks after job safety precaucuits.

Korchnoi threatens to quit

match against Spassky

lack of silo safety rules

A bomb, apparently planted by Palestinian guerrillas, in the Israeli coastal town of Netanya yesterday killed two people and injured two others. Eight Arabs were beld for questioning.

# Mr Sadat says peace treaty may be delayed

Israeli-Egyptian negotiations, the Jordanian leader had displayed "a very constructive attitude", he added.

In response to another ques-tion. Mr Carter also repeated his country's readiness to consider guarantees to shore up an Arab-Israeli peace settlement. Some Arab leaders had told him privately that they would accept such a role for the United States.

President Sadat said in Cairo

that President Carter's remarks "may delay for some time" the signing of a peace agree-

ment.

"I am disappointed because I should like us to put all our efforts towards ending the suffering in the Middle East and giving a bright future to our next generations," Mr Sadat said in an interview with the American Broadcasting Corporation.

Asked whether in the light of Mr Carter's statement he still believed a settlement of the conflict within two months was possible, the Egyptian leader said: "It may be delayed for some time. But I think that quoting 1978 as a year of decision is not an exaggeration."

Mr. Sadat has relied heavily

on the support of the Carter Administration to bring the Administration to bring the Israelis to the negotiating table and he again emphasized that Egypt, like Israel, depended on the United States for security in an eventual peace agreement.

He said that what "surprised" him most about the statement "is the ignoring of the importance of the Pales-

tinian question because it is the core and crux of the whole problem. If we are to ignore it we cannot build or establish peace, and that is what we are after. It is not a second disen-gagement ogreement or a partial Mr Muhammad Ibrahim

the new Egyptian Foreign Minister, has repeated his country's demand that any comprebensive peace settlement would have to be hased on complete Israeli withdrawal from the occupied Arab terri-

He made the assertion after formally receiving Israel's latest peace plan from Mr Hermann Eilts, the United States Ambas-sador to Egypt.

Government sources said that Mr Kamal plans to go to Jerusalem on January 14 to participate in the first session of a political committee set up by President Sadat and Mr Begin at their talks last weekend in Ismailia. Egypt is working on counter-proposals to the Israeli peace plan, they said.

Heated debate

the Gulf of Aqaba who were alarmed by the proposal to return the entire Sinai peninsula to Egypt that his peace plan provided for the settle-ments to remain under Israeli administration and to be defended by Israelis.

Arab leaders from the West Bank gave a chilly reception to the plan to grant them limited self-rule under continuing Israeli military control. They repeated their demands for an independent Palestinian state.

Herr Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, who began an official visit to Egypt yesterday said in Cairo that a peace settlement must be based on Israeli withdrawal from occupied territories and take into account the "legitimate rights of the Palestinians."

# In brief

#### US-Seoul deal on Mr Park

sign an agreement tomorrow allowing Mr Tongsun Park, the key figure in the affeged Korean bribery of American congressmen, to go to Washing-ton to give evidence early in the new year, official sources said here. He will be allowed to return to Seoul after testimony. Mr Park, a wealthy rice broker formerly based in Washington, was alleged to have given gifts and lavish parties to congressmen to influence American policy towards South Korea. Since last August he has refused to return to the

#### £26m drug haul

Miami, Dec 29.—Abour 75 tons of marijuana worth at least \$50m (£26.3m) in street value was unloaded from two vessels seized by the United States Coast Guard near the Bahamas. The crew of 21 Colombians were

#### Democrat nominee

dent Carter has recommended that Mr John White, the Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, should be appointed national chairman of the Democratic Party to succeed Mr Ken Curtis, a former governor of Maine.

#### Freedom mystery

Islamabad, Dec 29.—The Pakistan Government withdrew an announcement about the release of more than 11,000 political prisoners within a few hours after it was issued to the press. No reason was given.

Port Elizabeth, Dec 29.—Mr Mrhuthuzeli Heshu, aged 28, a black pop group manager, has died after being shot by riot police during disturbances in the New Brighton township near

# Ford Foundation thinks of 'British Brookings'

Substantial American invest-ment in studies of how British government policies work is being considered by the Ford Foundation. Mr McGeorge Buady, its president, told me in New York that, although the foundation's inquiries are still at a preliminary stage an "elastic" sum is available for a London institute of policy

Clarifying reports that Ford has committed several million pounds to a "British Brookings", a reference to the policy restitute in Washington, Mr. Bundy said money would come from Ford only if the proposed body had stable and reliable ources of local finance, leader ship of great quality, and encouragement from within "The first principle of

inquiries is to consider no kind inquiries is to consider no kind of institution that is not genuinely wanted by, designed by, and working for the interests of people in the country concerned. We have been talking with interested people in the United Kingdom

tions, said his organization and the Department of Agriculture were speeding up efforts to eliminate silo explosions in the wake of the last week's events.

The agency, which has been working on new safety guide-lines for several months, has been criticized for concentrat-

been cripicized for concentrating on minor safety and health provisions, such as toilet facilities, and ignoring more serious hazards. In response to these criticisms, Dr Eula Bingham, the recently-appointed head of the organization, has amounced that in future his officials would concentrate on

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ence. He noted that the noise

subsided as soon as he asked

These were the moves of the

for silence".

thirteenth game:

Science Research Council, which has announced its general intention to establish a policy body.

Mr Bundy said that in his conversations with Mr Derek Robinson, chairman of the SSRC, no exact figures for rord Support of the project were mentioned and it was made clear that Ford's contribution would depend heavily on enthisiasm for policy on enthusiasm for studies within Britain.

Disagreement between the Disagreement between the SSRC and the independent policy bodies in London, such as the National Institute for Social and Economic Research, have not escaped Mr Bundy. Referring to his experience as Dean of Harvard University, he said: "I have spent a good many were in academic polimany years in academic poli-tics and I have seen nothing in Britain that startles me.

f In Loudon there is the question of whether the reformation of particular existing institutions is worth the effort. It is footish to claim there is no country where there are not excellent people thinking about questions of public policy. There is no reason to assume that any particular new institution would be a cure-all.

"What Ford is doing is to only when do records local

ask what do people local people, who know all about it think would be best."

#### Swede disputes reports of Khmer atrocities

Stockholm, Dec 29.—Mr Jean Christophe Oeberg a Swedish diplomat, who recently spent two days travelling in Cambodia, has challenged the objectivity of reports by refugees of atrocities since the Khmer Rouge takeover two and a half years ago.

He told a Swedish television interviewer last night that during a journey of nearly 100 miles he and his wife saw only four armed people and that

four armed people and that Cambodians did not appear to be working under duress.

Mr Oeberg, who is the
Ambassador to Thailand, was Ambassador to Thailand, was the first Western diplomat to travel overland into Cambodia since Pinnoth Penh fell to the Communists in April, 1955. In an interview published yesterday by the Stockholm newspaper Aftonbladet, he emphasized that he went as a tourist Mr. Oeberg confirmed

Mr Oeberg confirmed reports that the Khmer Rouge had emptied the towns, send-ing people to live and work in the country.

"There is no money around

friends why they have chosen this way, they claimed there was no other alternative to support

## on Turkish censure motion From Our Correspondent

Ankara, Dec 29
The Turkish National
Assembly roday debated the
censure motion egainst Mr censure motion egainst Mr.
Demirel's Government in a
brief but hexted session.
Mr. Demirel, told the Assembly that he could not say

much, the opposition Republican People's Parry hav-ing managed to limit speeches on the motion to only 20 RPP's accusations " The

against my Government cerer 34 separate points, but I am only given- 20 minutes to: answer." He said. "This leaves me about 35 seconds apiece for such issues as Turkey's foreign currency problems, law and order, foreign policy, etc." He accused the Social Democratic RPP of being interested

Mr Altan Oymen, the Repub-lican party spokesman, admitted that his party was "in a mury to oust the Government". The confidence vote will be

#### Japan plans expansion to cut payments surplus From Peter Hazelburst also played a part, Economic

Tokyo, Dec 29

Japan will spend more on defence, foreign aid and public works next year in an attempt to stimulate domestic business and reduce the nation's embar-rassing balance of payments

The expansion programme is the expansion programme is contained in a budget plan, approved by a special session of the Cabinet today. The plan was immediately criticized by left-wing opposition groups and praised by leading sections of industry.

In general terms budget expenditure will rise by 20 per cent—a step designed to increase economic growth to 7

research organizations have predicted that the current depression will account for a record number of 18,500 bank-

per cent next year.

The decision to go for expansion has been influenced by pressures and the threats of protectionism from wastern industrial nations. In particular, the draft budget appears to yield to American demands that Japan should immediately stimulate its economy in order to promote imports.

Defence spending, a contraversial subject in Japan, will be increased by 12.4 per cent next year, raising the total outless to £4,200m. It will still account for only 0.9 per cent of the gross national product. Defence expenditure will include the purchase of a new generation of fighter aircraft.

ruptcies this year. The press reported may that 54 man-agers and owners of small bankrupt businesses have committed suicide in the past two months. Under the budget plan the vast sum of £11,000m, representing a 34 per cent increase,

will be spent on public works. Loans will be provided for a projected 400,000 new homes. This year only 224,000 homes received loan finance. New super express railway lines and motorways are to be built.

Gierek plan to allay consumers' discontent and provide a wider choice of goods

# Poland turns to private trading

"My local food shop nor-melly has four assistants. On average two are pregnant and the other two just bone lazy. Time and again we find the the door which says: 'Closed because of Hloese.' Then we have to walk miles to the next shop, where the queues are twice as long."

This heartielt complaint from a senior Polish civil servent echoes the feelings of many workers who, after an eight-hour day without a lunch break, leave their offices and factories to face the daily ordeal of shopping.

Forty-two per cent of Poland's work force are women, many of them married and with families, and it is they who bear the brunt of this lack of service. It is one of the many elements of discontent which seethes beneath the surface of Poland's relative prosperity and one which Mr Gierek, the party leader, is attempting to tackle. Private ownership of shops

with a floor area of up to 50 squart yards is to be officially encouraged. Existing state content, now vented mainly on owned shops of this size will the state, the new plans for be leased to private owners. As shop ownership are aimed at

makes will have to come from of goods, the Government

The Government hopes that in the purchase of meat.

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planners believe, will be fam-illes with three or four members who can man the shop entirely without employ-ing outside labour. Priority will be given to people who already have shop space available and to those who are willing to take on a long-term contract. Existing shops will be leased for a lump sum, said to be "very low", for an initial term—the details have still to be published—and then for a further term for a rent based on the estimated

Shop owners will not have to have any specific educational qualifications, unlike the sons and daughters of farmers who, in order to inherit the family farm under new legislation to encourage private farm owner-ship, must have a basic agricul-tural college diploma.

As well as providing a safety valve for the consumers dis-

It reasons that if the Polish consumer has a wider choice he will not as now, spend a large proportion of his earn-ings on relatively cheap mean merely because there is nothing else he wants to buy. The acute meat shortage in Poland, after four years of poor harvests and a drastic cutback in animal husbandry because not enough feed has been imported, is one of the worst problems threatening the

A Polish five-year plan allows for two relatively poor harvests. The next three years will have to show bumper crops to get the figures right. After four years we must expect a couple of good years a gov-ernment official said.

Another government hope is that private enterprise shops will provide a fresh outlet for local handicrafts a home industry which is being officially encouraged. In whatever way keepers chooses to expand its range of goods, supplies will have to be drawn mainly from the home market. All signs point to a clampdown in the near future on imports from countries which are not members of Comecon, the East prices are usually strictly fulfilling a broader function: members of Comecon, the East pegged, the profit a new owner by introducing a wider range European economic grouping.

# Chile quits talks on claim to Cape Horn islands

Buenos Aires, Dec 29 Talks between Argemina and Chile over an apparent Chilean attempt to claim a 200-mile exclusive economic zone in waters hitherto controlled by Argentina, off Tierra del Fuego and Cape Horn, have abruptly come to a halt amid growing doubts in Buenos. Aires that the issue can be conficulty content.

after a first meeting with Vice-Admiral Oscar Montes, his Argentine counterpart had been cut short and a second

Argentine newspapers today said that the talks had been a "virtual failure". They commented, almost unanimously, that no ground for optimism

that it will reject the award if priority. It has virtually forced is that Chile has issued a decir results in any loss of Chile to negotiate, sending a ree accompanied by an official stream of military and government stream of military and government. Vice-Admiral Patricia Carvaterial envoys to Chile while outside the restricted area placed is sued warnings that Argentina under arbitration, and lodging ter, flew home early yesterday will not surrender one inch of to the first time a claim to south Argentina's renly is that the meeting on Tuesday.

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#### Belgrade, Dec 29-Viktor after he had complained to the Korchnoi, the self-exiled Rus-sian grandmaster, today threat-ened to withdraw from his Mr Kazic said today: "There in this nation, meaning you cannot buy or sell merchandise as under normal conditions. would have been whistling and shouring if I had agreed yester-When I asked my Cambodian day to Korchnor's demand to lower the curtains on the audi-

amicably sertled.

The dispute is the result of the Eagle arbitration award issued by a British-appointed intercational tribunal last May

allocating three small islands in the South Atlantic to Chile.

n the South Atlantic to Chile. The Argentine Government Argentine has made it clear regards the problem as its top

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# Boycott to captain England and bat at number six

From John Woodcock

member countries of the ICC.

The chances are, I think, that Australia, England, India and New Zealand will be less likely to advocate an early truce with Mr Packer than West Indies. As for yesterday's meeting, with the Pakistanis it is said to have been conspicuously harmonious. There is a view here that the Pakistan selectors will be forced either by their government or by public orinion to choose their Packer players for their visit to England in April unless they can say that by doing so they would be out of step with all the other Test playing countries.

Innings between the first Test match, which ended on December 20, and the second which starts in Hyderabad on Monday. The four players who stayed behind when the rest left for Sialklot the after noon Breariey, Hendrick, Old and Wills will play for the Gymkhana Club tomorrow, to get themselves some cricket; that is if Old, who has influenza, are up to it. It would be nice to be supported that the contribution made by the Gymkhana Club during the adequately acknowledged when their cricketing members come next to Lord's.

From John Woodcock.

Cricket Correspondent,
Lahore, Dec 29

Mr David Clark and Mr Jack
Beilgy, chairman and secretary
respectively of the international
Cricket Conference, flew on to
India today on their whistle stop
four by the work?'s Test-playing
countries.

Their discussions with the
Board of Control for Cricket in
Palistan, held here in Lahore,
covered, among other things, the
question of appearing against last
month's High Court indegment in
London that the ban imposed by
the ICC on those cricksters now
appearing for Mr Packer was
inlegal. They also took the chance
of sharing in where politicians call
"an exthange of views" with
the England players, though as
Mr Cark and Mr Bailey were
quick to point out they were
careful not to compromise the
Eaglish counties.

Never a day goes by without
one being asked by Pakistanis how
Sussex could ever have reappoinred Greig as their capitaln when
he is so beholden to the Packer
cause. This is not at all the lead
Pakistan had expected, and hoped
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ision to > Sarfraz hoping to play for Pakistan in second Test

Serfraz Newax was still to London yeaterday, but had not given up hope of playing for Pakistan in the second Test against England of Hyderabad, although the start was a mere four days away. "The game begins on Monday, and if can get away by the 31st I can still get there in time to play", the Pakistan fast bowler said. Sarfraz had the best return in the first Test, of four for 68.

"I am just wasting to hear. When I contacted my representative at home last night, he said that there was a new more stoot, but so far I have heard nothing. I am still willing to pay my own country, not the Pakistan Cricket Board."

Meantime Sarfraz was in contact with his English county, North-

Three changes as India try to save Test series

an effort to save the series, have made three changes in their team for the third Test match against Australia at the Melbourne Cricket Ground here tomorrow. Scinivas Vinketsræghavan, en off-spin bowler, and Brijch Patel, a beis-man, have been left out of the roam who narrowly lost the second Test in Perth, and Madan Lel, an mder, has been relegated to man. They have been ted by Karsan Ghavri, till Prasanna and Ashok

arctical.

The Melbourne wicket has scaked up a good deal of rain recently and the Indians have

Today's fixtures

SECOND DIVISION: Fulham V Old-FOURTH DIVISION: Stockport County ( Battriemouth (7.50).

HOCKEY:

opted to add Ghavri, a fast bowler. Prasama, an off-spinner, has been successful on the Melbourne wicket, which is expected to become easier after a lively first day. He mote six wickets in the match against Victoria last month, and slos collected six wickets in the Molbourne Test during the 1967-68 tour.

Ghavri reinforced his clasms to a Test place by taking seven wickets during the Indians' recent visit to Tasmania. Australia lead 2—0 in the five-metch series. They will not amounce their side until tomorrow morning. tomorrow morning.
TEAM: B. Bedi (coptain), S. Caveskar, M. Armanath, B. Chandraethar,
C. Chauhan, K. Ghevn, S. Kirmani, A.
Maniad, E. Prusanes, D. Vengserker
and C. Viswanath.—Reuter.

Cheises have sold all 17,500 reserved seats for the FA Cup third round match with Liverpool on January 7. A total of 3,000 unreserved seats will be available on the day of the match.

Rugby Union

Attack of butterfingers hits schoolboys Healy and Thomas were promin-ent; Richardson, Kent's booker, went well in the loose stanough he conceded beels against the head,

By Nicholas Keith Middx Schools 9 Kent Schools 6 A masty outbreak of butterfingers has occurred at schools in the London area. It is hoped that the infection will be confined to the ground of UCS Old Boys, Isle-worth, where Middlesex Schools worth, where Middlesex Schools won yesterday by three penalty goals to two. This was a hard-fought but most untidy match which failed to brighten a cold, grey atternoon. Endeavour walked hand in hand with error and it was impossible to keep count of the number of knock-ons.

The best things about yesterday's some were negative, namely

The best things about yester-day's game were negative, namely the spoffing and tackling by both teams. Middlesex were never behind and just deserved their victory. They dominated the set scrummages and disrupted the kem pack with some powerful shores.

conceded beets against the head, 2—1. The game come unstuck in midfield. Both sets of halfbacks often ablowed themselves to be smothered by the opposing cover and, when they released the ball, it was usually dropped somewhere along the line. Middlesex had the better of the first half although at halftime the score was 3-3, a penalty to each captain. Thomas put Middlesex abased after five minutes and Robinson equalized 15 minutes later. Middlesex should have scored a try in the 15th mixute when first Kaufman and then

when first Kaufman and then Thomas were checked on the Kent Kant's best chance was at the

Kent pack with some powerful shores.

At the lineous Kent gained an advantage mainly through MilStrad. For Middlesex Handerson,

their goal-line and Kent failed to collect their own throw-in.

Thomas and Robinson exchanged penalties in the 20th minute. Finalty Abbott the best threequarter on view, hit a post with an attempted dropped goal but Kent gave away a penalty for soing offising in search of the rebound. The winning kick was made by Parker who had a fine march at full back. who had I like meson at the beach.

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(Ampletorth): D. Mitchell (Kingsbury).

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Surrey's early promise goes unfulfilled with ever increasing enterprise and it up, after good work by Ludding-

Eastern Counties 18 Eastern Countres beat Surrey by Eastern Counties beat Surrey by a soal and three tries to a penalty soal and a dropped goal in their schoolboys—ugby match at the lifern Wanderers ground vesterday. That completes Surrey's Christmas and New Year programme. They beat Kent and Middlesex. Easter a Counties, who drew with Kent, play Middlesex at Teddington on Monday.

Surrey looked the likelier side in the early part of the game, winning all the ball they could have wanted and using it well, though not well emough to score. Once Counties had found themselves, however, there was little doubt about the reserve. about the result. Their backs, their backs, their backs, their backs, an Ergland international schoolboy aram half, and Thompson, played

penetration, and scored three out-standing tries. Thompson scored the first.
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the purtured Surer's minimal deferre (it was to happen again). Manning male a long run on the left wing, and Thompson took his inside pass to dive over. Then inside pass to dive over. Then O'Neil stored when Surrey list control of the ball at a set scrum-mage near thei; own line and Counties arrived at half time eight Counties arrived at half time eight points to the good.

Surrey were back in the game during the second half, but only for a few minites. Jones, their captain, who led the London Schools side against the Australians, kicked a penelty and Hayworth dropped a goal from a lineout to make it 8—6. The penalty was awarded at a ruck in front of the posts. Robinson set

ton, Godwie and Austin, Williams, a tall, powerful centre, scored Comoties' third and fourth

tries.

EASTERN COUNTIES SCHOOLBOYS:

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**Football** 

Harry Haslam, to whom Mill-wall have made a £100,000

# Millwall's to Haslam

an offer, believed to be worth nearly £100,000 over five years, to become general manager of Millwall. Mr Hasiam, who has managed Luton for the past five years, has asked, without saccess, for an indication from his directors that his contract due to and has Combast.

will be renewed.

He said yesterday "Millwall approached me yesterday and I turned them down. They have come back with a new offer today.

Mr Hasiam said: "It looks as if: I am being rushed into things: Mishwall have done everything in the proper manner. They asked my chairman if they could approach me and I have kept him completely in the ploture. He knows exactly what has happened. I have asked the board what they are going to do about it." the board what they are going to
do about it."

Luton will have a board meeting on Toesday at which their
meosger's future could be
secided. They may offer them an
early remewal of his constact,
which is due to expire next
Crusher. Mr Haslam has said he
would like to stay at Luton.

Millwall have been without a
manager since Gordon Jago
resigned on December 5 to take
over Tampa Bay Rowdies, of
Florida. Theo Foley has been in
charge of the side in a caretaker
capacity.

Millwall have alipped to second

games, and are without a win for nearly three mounts.

Sporting dismissal Lisbon, Dec 29.—Sporting Lisbon, third in the Portuguese first division, today dismissed their Brazilian trainer, Paulo Emilio. The club said that Emilio had gone to Brazil for a holiday without permission and his absence could threaten Sporting's bands for the league champouship. — Agence-

All tickets sold

Coventry City announced yester-day that all 36,000 tickets for tomorrow's home match against Manchester. United had been sold. They asked United supporters not to travel to Highfield Road unless they had the specially approved terrace voucher or a sent ticket.

Chelsea sell-out

# **Buckley set to follow** road to Villa Park

Steve Buckley, the Luton Town left back, is set to follow in the footsteps of Bruce Rioch and Chris Nicholl and leave Kenliworth Road for Villa Park. Ronald Saunders, the Aston Villa manager, yesterday lodged a £150,000 bid for the 22-year-old Buckley, who cost Luton only £2,000 from the Southern League Club, Burton Albion. "I don't want to break up my nam", the Luton matager, Harry Haslam, said, "but obviously in our cash position, financial considerations are important. The decision rests with our board." Luton, who nearly went into liquidation two years ago, substantial considerations. The decision rests with our board." Luton, who nearly went into liquidation two years ago, substantial considerations. Buckley, whose brother Alen. licholl and leave Kenilworth Road

Exco,000.

Buckley, whose brothe Aim plays for Walsall, is a powerful attacking player. Mr Saunders, still boping to get Villa back into the championship race, considers: inst his party is not strong enough for the heavy programme still to come. Villa are in the quarter-final round of the Uefa Cup and could face a particularly congested

Alan Curbishley, West Ham United's young midfield player and a Portsmouth striker, David Kemp, are other players being linked with Villa. Mr Saunders has spent some £900,000 in the past three years in bullding a formidable first division side. Gordon Milne, the Coventry City manager, also hopes to strengthen his side by the weekend; he has bids it for two players. Mr Milne, who it is reported has had a £200,000 offer med down for Luton's Paul utcher, said he had spoken to three managers in the last 24 hours.

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One of the three had told him that the player he was interested in was not available at any price. He was now waiting for replies from the other two. Mr Mile's urgent priority is for a defender. Three of his back four players, Holton, Oakey and Coop, are injured.

# **Bell continues comeback** while Tueart returns

Manchester City's England international, Colin Bell, will condisse his comeback in the maich with Aston Villa at Maine Road tomorrow. Dennis Tueartwho has refused a move to the neighbouring Manchester United—is expected to return after being ruled out of the game against Middleshrough on Tuesday with an ankle injury.

Tueart, who scored his third trebie of the season against Newcastle on Monday, will take overfrom Roger Paimer. City's manager, Toay Book, said he was more than pleased with Bell's return and added: "If Colin feels he is all right at the weekend he stays in the side. At this stage I can't see any reason why he cannot continue."

Andrew Ritchie, Manchester United's 17-year-old striker, could keep his place in the side for the game at Coventry. The local-born player made his first appearance against Everton on Monday in place of Stuart Pearson, who was out of action with a sprained sukle, and he kept his place against Leicester City on Tuesday.

The memoger, Dave Sexton, mad: "If Pearson fails to recover in time I would have no hestration in giving Andy his third game." Ritchie said: "I was a bit disappolaned not scoring at Everton when we got six, but it was great being in the side. I know I shall be back in the reserves when Stuart Pearson is fit again, but it has been a iremendous experience for me. I will just have to keep plugging away."

if necessary, and I can't say at the moment whether he will make it." Steve Finnieston, a striker, who came on as substitute in the last minute against West Ham, could be in line for a recall if he suffers no reaction from Achilles tendon trouble he has had since September 3.

Hugh McAuley, a winger, could be back for Charlton Achillet if the Ninian Park pitch at Cardiff is not too heavy. McAuley has missed the last four matches with a hamstring strain, but is now back in training. The menager, Andrew Nelson, said: "I'll have a look at the pitch before deciding whether Hugh plays. He's wirtually completely lit. but if it's heavy I won't risk him." During McAuley's absence Charlson have lost three times.

McAuley's absence Charleon have lost three times.

Makcolm Macdonald, recovered from a min injury, plays for Arsenal at Everton. Liam Brady, David O'Leary and Samuel Nelson, who also took knocks in Tuesday's 3—1 win at West Bromwich, will also pluy. Arsenal have won their last six away matches and success at Everton would put them second, behind Notringham Forest, in the title challenge.

# Netherlands unlikely to be seeded in World Cup

sected nations in the World Cup in June. He confirmed that West Germany, the bolders, and Argentina, the hosts, would each head one of the four groups, and said the officer two seeds were likely to be Brazil and Italy.

It had been assumed that the Netherlands, runners up to West Germany in the 1974 final, would be seeded, but Mr Havelange said the organizing committee would be seeded, but Mr Havelange said the organizing committee would choose the seeds, other than Argentics and West Germany, in accordance with economic interests. Mr Havelange, speaking at a sports seminar, said he had heard that Italy would head the group based in Mendoza, a largely Italian speaking area in the west. He added that, after the four

One strong and one weak European team would go mro each of the four groups centred in Buenos Aires, Mar del Plata, Cordoba, and Mendoza. This would leave Mexico, Tunista, Iran and Peru, with Peru and Mexico kept out of the groups headed by Brazil and Argentina.

Argentina.

There is considerable speculation in Buenos Aires on the make up of the final draw, which is due to take place in the Argentina capital on Jamzy 14. One report says the draw will be: Buenos Aires: Argentina, Poland, Sweden, Iran; Cordoba: West Germany, Scotland, Spain, Mexico; Mar del Plata: Bruti, Hungary, France, Tunisla: Mendoza: Italy, Netherlands, Austria, Peru.—Reuter.

# Armfield is not surprised

Jimmy Armfield, the manager of Leeds United, said that Nottingham Forest were clearly the team everyone had to heat for the league title. " I am not really surprised by their success ". Mr Arm-field, whose team are eight points behind the leaders, said.
"They have done better than everybody anticipated at the start of the season. They have sustained their form throughout, and we are

By Peter West
As one blinkered enough not to
have foreseen the arrival on the
crickett scene of Mr Kerry Pecker I
ought not, perhaps, to dismiss out
of band the prospects of that
entrepreneur in New Zealand who
has been parting his toe into the
deeper waters of Rugby Union and
testing the temperature to see
whether he might be able to run a
circus or similar lines. The
announcement of his hopes and
plans brought an instant and
totally predictable short of disbellef from the game's administrators at opposite ends of the
globe, and any players thinking of
crossing their Rubicon know well
that by so doing they would suffer

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autumn—though things have gone quier since—that there might be a sufficient number of All Blacks at

sufficient number of All Blacks at the end, or close to the end, of their careers at the top to be genuinely interested in a rugby type circus, and likewise that it might not be too difficult to persuade a useful quorum of Welsh players to join it. Even if that were true, which I certainly doubt, a promoter would need at least 40 players to provide a Packer-type circus. In any case, would the rugby public anywhere in the world evince more interest in this sort of emertainment than Austra-

sort of entertainment than Austra-Ha's cricket supporters currently Ha's cricket supporters currently are showing in the so-called Super

are showing in the so-caused super Tests? The latest idea looks a non-starter, at least for the foreseeable future. But inevitably it has prompted debate again on the matter of broken time payments, and whether the authorities, disregarding something always regarded as holy writ, should not at least provide some financial compensation for their too players when touring

for their top players when touring

the only side to have beaten them recently."

Mr Armfield has injury problems for the match at West Bromwich tomorrow. David Harvey and Paul Reaney are doubtful with knee injuries. Thevor Cherry has stitches in a gash below his right ankle, but Tony Currie, who has missed the last two matches with a thigh strain, was able to train yesterday. All four will have fitness tests today.

Broken time payments the thin end of a dangerous wedge

Rugby 'circus' looks a non-starter

away from home.

This of course is the hottest of hot potatoes and one which the unions may continue to find wholly indigestible. There would be no surprise in that, not because of what some would call their entrenched ardinde but because the introduction of broken time surely would be the thin end of a potentially long and dangerous wedge.

It is all very well glibly to suggest that broken time payment should be provided only for those players whose employers decline to pay them in their absence and who therefore would feel unable to tour. But, once such a guideline had been introduced, the employers of every player invited to tour would be strongly tempted to adopt a fee less unselfish stance, and let the unions carry the financial can. One can even envisage instances of imaginative, not to say

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By almost common consent of the players what is known as the full tour lasting three months and more is now regarded as being too demanding. It may well be that when the happy day comes and the Springboks are made universally welcome again, their players would gladly actept the full, traditional programme, but all other tours, including those of the Lions, may be tailored on the lines of the 16-18

Swimming



Inn's week for the parents of Eng-land's national youth swimming team, writes Richard Streeton. While the rest of us ponder over our gastronomical indiscretions: over Christmas, all 40 members of the party, 18 boys and 22 girls, aged between 13 and 15, are spend-ing six days at Crystal Palace. They are doing risopons training in are doing rigorous training in readiness for a long season. It starts in three weeks' time with three days of competition in Geneva and other foreign trips include meetings in Portugal, Luxembourg and Yugoslavin. Domestic commitments on their programme last until the finals of the inter-county event at the end of next November.

Some of the swimmers will earn places in section English and British teams for leading events, including the Commonwealth Games at Edmonton in August.

Hockey India beset by complex selection worries

New Delm, Dec 29.—India are facing their usual problems over the selection of a hockey team for the World Cup tournament in Buenos Aires next March. Six leading players were expelled from the training camp and could be excluded from consideration for selection. Two of the five selectors have been replaced and a

third has died.

The six expelled players, generally considered essemial to ludia's chances of retaining the World Cup are: Ashok Kumar and Govinda (both forwards), Virinder Singh (a wing half), and the full backs Aslam Sher Khan, Baldev Singh and Surjit Singh. Virinder, Baldev and Surjit singh. ing camp and then ordered to leave

The hockey issue was raised during question time in Parliament Several central government ministers had issued statements and eventually Prime Minister Morarij Desai took a hand in the affair. He held a meeting here with the Education Minister Prakash Chandra Chunder and his deputy. Dhanna Singh Guishan, who are responsible for sports, and the Works and Housing Minister, Sikander Bakht. The outcome was that Mr Bakht, a former top-class hockey player himself, was appointed to supervise the final preparation of the Indian World Cup team, which is due to be announced this week.

One of the events that has not been explained so far is the sacking of the chairman of the fivenan selection committee, J. D. Nagarwala, by the FIH this month.

—Reuter.

match visit of the All Blacks to these islands next season.

While it is abundantly true that rugby touring players are offered a great deal of hospitality, the modern player observing the vast profits garuered in by the unions on major expeditions—as a result of his skills and dedication—thinks he is privated to a vices necessarily and in the profit of the same personnel of the same personnel

is entitled to a more generous daily allowance, if only to help pay his telephone calls back home. The Lions in New Zealand last summer got £3 a day.

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There is not much doubt, too, that the authorities should reconsider their attitudes to the presence of players' wives on longer tours. This last thought is prompted by an example from the recent expedition of the Lious when Mike Gibson's wife flew out for the last five weeks. This set an unheard of precedent. But I should have thought that so great a player, then on his flith Lious tour, had given service and time enough to

given service and time enough to British rugby to feel fully emitted to such a luxury, without running the risk of incurring managerial

youngsters working so hard this week—they swim at least 10 miles a day as well as working in gymnasiums—have their eyes fixed on gaining Olympic places in 1980 in Moscow. The Amateur Swimming Association's thorough approach to the development of young talent is one of the few instances of its sort in English sport, which stands comparison with similar efforts abroad.

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Something like 35,000 school-children benefit from the ASA's organization in this area and sooner or later have the opportunity to prove their worth if the ability is there. None of the work would be possible without sponsorship and the Esso Petroleum Co Ltd now provide the financial backing. Including administration, it will cost Esso about £150,000 over the next three years. A formal banding over of their first cheque for £30,000 took place at a luncheon at Crystal Palace yesterday, when Dr A. R. W. Baddeley, Esso's executive

director, outlined

The ASA instituted the

# Russians introduce stricter tests to detect steroids

sports official disclosed today that stricter checks have been introduced to prevent Russian athletes using banned anabolic steroids. The deputy national sports chief, Anatoly Kolesov, told the Dally Soviet Sport that all prize winners at national championships were tested for anabolic storoids.

be tempted to use prohibited drugs to boost 'their performances.

"We are all—sports managers, trainers, doctors, journalists and the sportsmen themselves—responsible for cutting our the possible for cutting our the possible of these banned preparations", Mr Kolesov said, Claims by individual western specialists that anabolic steroids were harmless had been easily disproved, he said. Experiments on animals at a Leningrad institute had convincingly demonstrated that they harmed athletes health, he said.

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Tennis Correspondent Tennis Correspondent

The last month of 1977 has produced notable achievements by two Sritish tennis players: the leaders of a new generation taking over from Mark Cox and Roger Taylor. Less than four weeks ago Christopher Mothram, aged 22, reached the final of the South African clampionship. John Lloyd, 23, has now advanced to the semi-final round of the Australian championship by Beating John Newcombe 3—5, 6—3, 7—5, 7—5 in a match that lasted two hours and 20 minutes.

Between 1967 and 1975 New-combe established himself as the last of that great breed of players capable of winning singles and doubles events in the big championships. He then became immersed in a variety of business ventures and last March, when he broke a bone in his right foot while skiing in Vermout, it seemed that he could no longer be recarded as a serious contender for the most distinguished championships. But at the age of 33 he decided to find out if he could force his way back to the top for one more year. During the summer he resumed training with that in mind. His recent form has suggested that, although the former peaks may be out of reach, he will not be far short of them.

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Lloyd spring to prominence at Wimbledon by heating the fourth seed. Roscoe. Tanner, and confirmed his advance by defeating Com. Brian Gottfried and Raul Kimfrez in consecutive matches ar Wembley last month. In Australia his failure to consolidate his new level of expectation made him so despondent that, briefly, he considered returning home for Christmes. Then came a burst of success that has made this week the most fucrative of his career.

Lloyd has forced his way among the 35 players who will benefit from the grand prit bonus pool, which means a minimum of \$10,000, and is sure of at least \$7.000 from the Australian championships. So by spending Christmas on the other side of the world he has become aimost \$10,000 richer. His next assignment will re a King's Cup march against Sweden at Sunderland on January S.

Newcombe had seen Lloyd beat game.

towards the semi-final round of the Australian Open.

Lloyd yesterday: looking backwards to Christmas and

# Miss Austin may be in American side

Tracey Austin, the 15-year-old American tannis player, who made a spectacular first appearance at Wimbledon in the summer, could suon be returning to Eritain. She is a strong candidate for a place in the United States team to challenge for the women's BP Cup title at Torquoy from February 13-to 18. Announcing the teams yesterday, Ioan Barrett, the tournament reganizer, sold; "The United States, after four years of losing to Feltain in the Rial, are seeking to their best young players. It is very much hoped that Tracey Austin will be available."

If Eritain are to add to their run of successes they, too, will need their strongest team for this series

of under-21 internationals, which is often regarded as the most competition to this series of under-21 internationals, which is often regarded as the most competition and Rea Resewall, of Australia, on the advisory panel. Cox said yesterday: "I am Britain's best under-21 players, will cut short an American to players, will cut short an American to players, will cut short an American will face a challenge from France, Germany. Czechoslovakia and Romania. Paul Hutchins will appear to the BP International from Item of the most competition and the most competition and Michele Tyler and Linda Mother to players, will cut short an American to players, will cut short an American to players and other leading teams playing nations in the development of our young talent. I hope to play may and Holland.

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Book review

# Ashes fought against tragic background ham Books: £1.95), a softback souvenir of a wonderful occasion. It is a pity the opportunity has not been taken to update recent ment on the season, without shirking comment on the issue, and a far fuller statistical section than in its rivel, including the full storeboards of the Australians' matches with the counties.

A number of cricket books on the Packer affair are due to reach the bookshops shortly though, presumably, another 15 to 20 years must elapse before the definitive account can, be tackled with the necessary perspective. Meanwhile 1977's busy time in cricket publishing closed with the appearance of two tour books of the traditional type, dealing with England's recapture of the Ashes last summer. matches with the counties.

Messrs Frith and Chappell organize their division of labour carefully. The entire of The Cricketer International magazine reports the cricket from the press box with colour and imagery owing much to his Australian background. The Australian tesm captain is franker in some respects, more redious in others, than might have been expected, as he comments from the field of play and from team hotels and dressing-rooms.

There have not been too many

England's recapture of the Ashes last summer.

Christopher Martin-Jenkins has written The Jubilee Tests (Mactionald and Jane's) and David Frich and Greg Chappell have worked in partnership to produce The Ashes 77 (Angus and Robertson). Both books cost £4.95 and have a comprehensive quota of photographs by Patrick Eagar.

Enalish readers, and certainly middle-aged ones and older, will, I believe, prefer Mr Martin-Jenkins's book, like myself. It is equally certain that Mr Frith's brook will be chosen ahead of its rive! by many, not least among younger enthusiasts. Both fundamentally, convey the sombre and tragic background against which the 1977 series was staged.

This is the fourth tour book Mr Martin-Jenkins has written in herest, acceptable English, Like its predecessors it strikes a heavy balance between analysis, protogephere end facts, as befits a EEC commentator, and nothing lors, either in tone or phrase. It centuins a full account of the contents of Mr Packer's encreach-

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souverir of a wonderful occasion. It is a pity the opportunity has not been taken to update recent knowledge gained about the linaugural 1877 Test match but there is much to commend about the rest of this bookiet, not least the colour photographs from Mr Eagar. Also, a near full text for the first time in print of Sir Donald Bradman's marvellous speech at the cemenary banquet. Gordon Rose, that archetypal enthusiast, has had a limited edition published of Cricket's Great Characters (available from the Cricketers Lid, Beech Hanger, Ashurat, Tunbridge Wells, Kest: 26 plus 40p postagel. The subjects are George Gunn, Hendren, Parkin, C. B. Harris, Mailey and Trueman, a rich selection for the essayist, and Mr Ross has served them well. The price is steep but this is a beautifully bound book. Finally Frindall's Score Book IV, the latest in the series from Lonsdale Press (28.50 limited hard back edition, \$4.50 limp covers), reproduces scoresbeets by Bill Frindall for both the centenary Test and the 1977 England/Australia series. John Arlott, Deals Compton, Ian Chappell, Robin Marlar, Freddie Trueman and Colin Cowdrey, provide the script and Mr Eagar the photographs. Wonderful meat for the initiated to chew. You will notice that Mr Eagar's victures enhance four of the books dealt with in this article. Some time before long, surely, a collection of his best work must appear in its own right. The modern game is indeed fortunate in this particular artist. both cricket and rugby.

Three other books should be mendoned for collectors before the curtain is raised on 1978 offerings. First, Frank Tyson, with the official backing of the Australian cricket board, has produced The Centenary Test (Pel-Hull lose their | Evans scores three tries

in Featherstone's win David Doyle-Pavidson, coach o Hull Rughy League team, has resigned after 17 years with the Humberside club. This follows a suring of defeats which have left last season's promotion-winning team in the first division relegation zone.

Doyle-Davidson said yesterday that club officials had failed to leed his warning that the team were not good enough for the first division.

Source three tries in this comfortable victory by Featherstone.

Dowsbury, a struggling side, pressed hard in the early stages and took the lead after three minutes. A towering kick from Hankins was gathered by Clarke, who went over between the posts. Shaking off this setback, Featherstone began to threaten and in the seventeenth minute they cut the arrears with a penalty goal from Eax to trail 5—2. In the twenty-filed minute Evans Hull Rughy League team, has re-

dressing-rooms.

There have not been too many books using dual text in cricket publishing, and it is a method with more to commend it than the normal system of ghost writing, cither acknowledged or otherwise. Overall, though, I prefer Mr Frith in his proven mether as a historian and researcher, as exemplified in his My Dear Victorious Stod (Lotterworth Press: £4.50). This is a new and revised edition of the life of A. E. Stoddart, first privately published in 1970, and still unrivalled of its sort. It traces, in detail the life of the only man to captain England at both cricket and rugby.

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Dewsbury were in more trouble early second-half as winger, Clive Tenant, went over in the corner for the next try. A try by Dufton raised Dewsbury's hopes again, but Featherstone were always in command and Evans scored his third try.

Singleton's comeback Jocy Singleton (Liverpool), the former light-welterweight champion of Great Britain, makes a comebrek to the rine when he fights Tommy Glencress (Glesgow) over eight three-minute rounds at 12th (lightweight) at the Cenard International Hotel on Monday, Joneary 39.

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Bobsleigh

# Persian Crown could pick up a consolation prize at Newbury

With E2,000 added, the Challow Hurdle is the most valuable race on the programme at Newbury today. And confined as it is to three-year-olds, it is the sort of trace that one looks to for guidance to the likely outcome of the Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham in March. At present, Fred Winter's unbeaten colt Rodman is well and truly entrenched as favourite to

yard at Newmarket, and I think that it is only reasonable to expect Pollerton to have come on in the meantime.

Pollerton was due to take Rodman on again or Chepstow live days before Christmas, but he got that morning. Persian Crown has also missed a race recently, but for a different reson. He was due to rough at Kempton Park on Boxing Day, but when there were too many acceptors, some had to be ballotted out, and he was one of the unfortunates.

Today could easily see Persian Crown pick up a nice consolation

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March. At present, Fred Winter's unbeaten colt Rodman is well und fruly entrenched as favourite to win that coveted prize, and with four successive wins to his stame, few would quibble with that. Rodman is currently resting on his laurels, enjoying a well-deserved break, but even in his absence we are unlikely to forget him.

Today's field includes three of those who have been beaten by him this season, and it will be interesting to see how they fare in his absence. Running for the first timo mider National Hunt rules, Persian Crown was beaten eight lengths by Rodman ar Ascot in November. A fortingfit later, he paid his conducted two hurdles from the first himself went on to win the Christmas Rose Hurdle at Sandown Park in spite of making a bad mistake two hurdles from the first half place they Rodman in the First race since leaving Paddy Frenchers of Sondisc owner, Luis Urbano, but first race since leaving Paddy Frenchers of Sondisc Schaged hands at public of taking its rightful place in the litest was Polectron's first race since leaving Paddy Frenchers of Sondisc Schaged hands at public of taking is and of one of the same joining Harry Thomson Jowes's first and every newers on the constance of the work of the constance of the proper objective for a horse of his absence. Running for the first time are leaven to the same of the unfortunates.

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# Kent to train promising Colonel Parker

Derek Kent, who is Chichester based, will train five bocses, for the flat, including the highly-promising Colonel Parker, for a senior ralls bookmaker, Hector Macdonald, next season. Colonel Parker, an impressive winner at Newmarket last summer, will be joined by the staying handicapper, Drink Up, Hang On Elvis, and two yearling colts.

12.30 (12.31) PARTRIDGE HURDLE (Div I: Novices: £484: 2m 100 yds)

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—Fischis Fancy (D. Scott,
4-11-10 ... D. Goulding 13-5; 14-11-10 yds)

Midsummer Chei J. J. O'Nelli (6-1) 3

Newcastle results

Leicester programme 12.45 HOBY HURDLE (£393 : 2m)

ALSO RAN: 66-1 Pongee Bay (44h); 100-1 Koverston, Buckylle, Moving Spirit, Bnow Hoov (u), 8 ran. TOTE: Win. 35p; places, 15p. 11p. 11p. dual forceat, 12p. G. W. Rich-ards, at Greyalako. St. 6). Colonel Crocket din not run. Novices: DS-18: 2m 120 pd.;
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ALSO RAN; 3-1 Brynn, 100-1 Retailalion (4th), 5 rm.
TOTE: Win 15p; dual forecast, 46p.
I Nelson, at Annan. 4i, nk, Arctic
Alist did not run. 1.15 MIDLAND HURDLE (Handicap : £478 : 2m) 1.45 HANCOCK STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £687: 21m) 2 2490-40 Vimminder (C), P. Cundell, 7-11-9 N. O'Balloran Silver Delight (D), G. Baiding, 8-11-2 N. O'Balloran G 344-124 Pizza (C,0), C. Miller, 6-11-2 D. Cartwright (C), C. Miller, 6-11-2 D. Cart

Newbury programme

DELCOT PARK STEEPLECHASE (Novices

1.0 HUNGERFORD STEEPLECHASE (£926: '24m)

1.30 CHALLOW HURDLE (3-y-o: £1.810: 2m 100vd)

2.0 WEYHILL STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £938: 3m)

DW HUNDLE (5-y-0: 1,610: 2m 10)
Persian Crowen, R. Turnell, 11-7
Allantic Bridge, G. Baiding, 11-0
Barden Bey, G. Baiding, 11-0
Baydon Beile, P. M. Taylor, 11-0
Bootkeas, D. Barons, 11-0
Clothes Line, A. Pitt, 11-0
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Calway Boy, R. Acchurat, 11-0
Haifez-Loup, M. Smyty, 11-0
MacKelly, J. Old, 11-0
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Mrs Bes, W. Hastings-Base, 11-0
No Silver, A. Moore, 11-0
Polieston, Thomson Jones, 11-0

Baillier, 6-10-0

J. J. O'Nelli (6-5) 1

Cantebet ... G. Faultner (11-1) 2

Tamelin D. Goulding (1970) 34

ALSO RAN: 14-1 Border Brig (1).

More Wayward (p), 5 ran.

TOTE: Win, 19p; dual forecast, 52p.

R. Oliver, at Hawick, 41, 15i. 2.15 QUORN STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £910: 2m)

7.0 (2.1) GAME BIRD STEEPLE-CHASE (Novices handlesp: \$822: 2'an) 2',m)
Sus Lion, br g by Stinny Way—
Windars (J. Cummings: 7-12-0
R. Barry: (5-5 gy) 1
Housthooly, D. Turnbuil (15-2) 2
ALSO RAN: 15-8 Prince Maythom
If; 11-2 Super Chant (4th), 100-1
rully Tewn, 6 ran.
TOTE: Win: 17p: places: 12b, 57p:
dnol forecast; £1,08 G. W. Richards at
Greystoke 101, 44.

2.30 (2.30) GROUSE HURDLE Handicap: 2841; 2m 120yds; Wewgate, b c, by Blakeney-Set Free (Mrs A. Scott) 4-10-1 key 1 Celone! Helson, A. Webb (2-1) 2 Cleo's 4sp, D. Goulding (12-4) 3 ALSO RAN: 10-1 Jane Again (4th), TOTE; Win: 16p; dust forecast; 34p. A. Scott at Wooperion 2-1, 10).

ALSO HAN: 11-10 fav Neille's Led 1. 25-1 All Bright (4th), 100-1 libbsnesse, 6 ran. TOTE: Win: 79p; places: 22p, 1 dual forecast: 39p R. Cross at Alay 15l, 20l, Kelley Brig did net run. TOTE DOUBLE: Rambling Jack and Newgate C4.60, Tickels 83 TREBLE: Blohops Pawn, Sun Lion and Been Bring C15.75.

Warwick 12.45 (12.47) WASPERTON HURDLE DIV f: Novices: £569: 2m) securou ... J. Francome 14-11 3
ALSO RAN' 9-4 Nort Tomorryw, 35-1
Almrod, Gullaway (4th), Mirdyus, 36a
Norther, 50-1 Mir Madonma 19, 100-1
Barby, Far Beyond, Gala, Prince Rumar
VI. Real Tartar, Soverulgus, Colour,
Tarka Qal. 16 ran. .15 (1.17) WASPERTON HURDLE (Div II: Novices: £580: 2m)

Yachting

TOTE: Win, £1.61: places, 54p, 25p, 26p: dual forecast, £9.48, G. H. Price, Leominster, 41, 31, 1.45 (1.45) MOLLINGTON STEEPLE-CHASE (Handicap: £858: 5'm

3.15 (2.18) WICKEN HURDLE (Handl-cap: £739; 2m 5f) Ask For Roger C. Smith (2-1 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 3-1 Prince of Pleasure
(4th), 6-1 South Upham, 20-1 Race

# Trainer and son asked to explain success

remperature.

"We were very worried about the horse at Carlisle", said Tony Dickinson, who saddled Gay Spartan to win five of six sneeplethe horse at Carlisle", said Tony Dickinson, who saddied Gay Spartan to win five of six steeple-chases last season and also scored with him ar Hexham before that unsuccessful Carlisle venture.

The six-year-old's Irish owners, Mart Armstrong and James Liller, travelled to Warwick to see him treat the opposition with disdain. Gay Spartan was never out of the first three throughout the

The resounding victory of Gay Spartan under top weight in the Mollington Hardicap Steeplechase at Warwick yesterday, after his disappointing display at Carlisle a formaght ago—when he was tailed off at halfway and eventually pulled up—put the Guisburn trainer, Tuty Dickinson, and his jockey son. Michaels before the stewards.

They were asked about the difference in running and their explanation was accepted. This was that at Carlisle, Gay Spartan dropped his hit early in the race, was never going well and when examined by a veterinary surgeon, was found to be running a temperature.

Extended three and a half mile race and, destrice a mistake three featers out, still managed to stake from each of the feater with plenty in hand and went on to win from an outsider. Just Premier, with Fettinust a further length away third. Gay Spartan was giving a close third when he fell five feates out.

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#### Newbury selections

By Our Racing-Correspondent 12.30 Peter Scot. 1.0 Lyon del Mar. 1.30 Persian Crown. 2.0 Double Bridal. 2.30 Killwarren. 3.0 In Vision. By Our Newmarket Correspondent 1.30 Pollerton, 2.30 Prince Henham

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SWITZERLAND

Kialoa II finishes 16 miles ahead of rival Hobert, Dec 29,—An American ketch, Kialos II, was first over the finishing line today in the 630-mile Sydney to Hobert yacht race, after a gripping struggle with another American yacht. Windward Passage, over the final stages.

Jim Kiiroy, the skipper, pushed the welte-bulled Kialos to the line almost 16 miles ahead of Wind
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# Calendar of world sport for 19

By Richard Streeton

No crystal ball is needed to predict that sport in 1978 for many people will be dominated by World Cup football in Argentina and the Commonwealth Games in Edmonton, Canada, Or that apartheid and other political issues, together with reverberations from the Packer affair. both in cricket and other games, will continue to intrude upon the sports pages. The struggles between various governing bodies in sport and leading commercial and television interests, can

be expected to intensify over the next 12.

It is impossible to list these clashes in the calendar, below, but they could provide the most significant happenings of all in sport. There seems to be co limit to the money cascading into sport from big business, through sponsorship and other channels. A lot of its influence is beneficial, although it has some murky greas as well, and the dangers tend to get overlooked. As sportsmen seize chances to accrue in a few weeks more. than their fathers carned in a lifetime, it behoves administrators to reappraise spuctures and standards and to tread

Nobody, of course, should blame individuals for wishing to make the most of their talents, especially now that so much dedication, time and travel is required at the higher levels. Anyone, though a way and prophering the course of the cours though, a year ago who prophesied that this week 50 of the world's leading this week SU of the world's leading cricketers would be working for a private promoter rather than playing Test matches would have been in danger of being certified. Yet it has happened and that is why athletics for instance should not ignore the presented there from he mat is why stilletics for instance should not ignore the potestial threat from he Dubai circus. A measure of scepticism is permissible in all the cases that can be cited, but it explains why football will continue to face the possibility of the United States creaming off the best from Europe and South America. Why renewed moves, can be expected some or larger moves can be expected, sooner or later, for semi-professionalism, perhaps, in rugby union; and, in a lesser sport, why badminton is already in the throes of a

wounding struggle.
There was irony attached to the remarks of the All England Club official last week when he said the amount of money tennis players earned was: "almost indecent". Tennis led the way along this particular path a few years

ago. What does he think about Muhammad Ali's 510m title defence planned or 1978 or the £170,000 at stake for the winner of the Dubai mile race? Mr Justice Slade said in the course of his Packer judgment that he was surprised a promoter had not moved into cricket earlier. His view, surely, might equally be applied to averal other sports. In an age of commercial exploitation, takeovers and contractual opportunities, it would have been naive to assume that sportsmen would escape becoming embroiled.

becoming embroiled.

Turning to more tangible things, the preliminary groups for the World Cup programme in June will be drawn in Buenos Aires on January 14. Scotland for the second successive tournament will be the second successive tournament will be the only British Isles representatives in the final stages. The matches will once again pose the challenge is tween the Old World and the New whether European sides, not least West Germany, the holders, can win in South America, something that has never happened.

The Commonwealth Games should bring their full quots of memorable performtheir full quots of memorable perform-auces and a chance to put them in perspective with those achieved at the

African Games in Algiers immediately

beforehand from July 13-28 and the Asian Games in Bangkok from December 9-22. In several sports the British competitors at Edmonton bave important engagements in Europe as soon as they return. Any swimmers chosen for the world champion-ships in West Berlin from August 18-28 will not even stay for the closing ceremony in Canada as they return promptly for acclimatization purposes. Athletics competitors must attain their peak again at the European championships in Prague from August 29 to Scotember 3 and the lawn bowlers rush back for the EBA championships at Worthing from August

Golf's world cup returns to the British Isles for the first time since 1960 when it is staged at Waterville from July 6-9 and in tennis the British hard court championships are back on the calendar, though later than they used to be, at Bournemouth from September 18-24. England stages both the men's lacrosse world championships at Stockport from July 1-8 and also the European badminton championships at Preston from April

XI Commonwealth Games

Edmonton: trading post 1795, Klondyke gold rush 1896, Commonwealth Games 1978.

York. Sept 16: St Leger Stakes, Doncaster. Sept 22: Ayr Gold Cup. Oct 1: Priz de l'Arc de Triomphe,

Longehamp. Oct 7: Cambridgeshire Handicap, New-

market.
Oct 21: Champion Stakes, Cesarewitch
Handicap, Newmarket.
Oct 28: William Hill Futurity Stakes,
Doncaster..
Nov 25: Hennessy Gold Cup, Newbury.
Dec. 26: King George VI Steeplechase,
Kempton Park.

Rackets, real tennis

Feb 5-12: Amateur rackets singles championship, Queen's Club.

April 13-16: Bathurst Cup real tennis,

Paris.
April 22-30: Amateur real tennis singles championship, Queen's Club.
May 13-21: Henry Leaf real tennis trophy finals, Queen's Club.

March 18: Head of the River, Mortlake

to Putney.

March 25: University Boat Race (2.30).

May 24-27: Oxford Summer Eights (provisional).

June 7-10: Cambridge May Races

(provisional).

June 24-25: Nortinghamshire Internatio-

nal, Nottingham. June 29-July 2 : Henley Royal Regatta. July 15-16 : British championships,

July 21: Doggent's Coat and Badge, London Bridge to Chelsea (11.30). Oct 30-Nov 5: Men's and women's world championships, New Zealand.

Rugby League

Rugby Union

Jan 28: Players competition, final. Feb 19: Wales v England, Swansea.

March 5: France v England. May 13: Challenge Cup final, Wembley. May 20: Premiership final.

Jan 18: England v Australia, 19 group,

Twickenbam.
Jan 21: France v England, Paris; Ireland v Scotland, Dublin.
Feb 4: England v Wales, Twickenham; Scotland v France, Murrayfield.

Scotland v France, Murrayfield.
Feb 18: France v Ireland, Paris; Wales v Scotland, Cardiff.
March 4: Scotland v England, Murrayfield; Ireland v Wales, Dublin.
March 8: UAU final, Twickenban.
March 18: England v Ireland, Twickenban.
March 18: Erance Cardiff

ham; Wales v France, Cardiff. April 15: John Player Cup final, Twicken-

ham. April 29: Middlesex Sevens, Twickenham.

June II: Australia v Wales, Brisbane. June 17: Australia v Wales, Sydney. Oct 14: England v Argentina, Twicken-

ham (or Oct 21). Oct-Dec: All Blacks tour of British Isles.

Dec 12: Oxford v Cambridge, Twicken-ham.

March 8-11: National short course championships. Cheltenham.
March 25-27: Coca-Cola meeting, Leeds.
April 8-9: Six nations contest, Dortmund.
April 21-22: Britain v East Germany v

Swer'en. Crystal Palace. May 26-29: ASA championships, Black-

pool. May 26-28: Four nations water polo,

Crystal Palace.
July 8-9: International Diving Union Cup,

Linz.

July 26-30: European junior champion-ships, Florence.

Aug 14-19: National age group competi-

tions, Coventry. Aug 18-28: World championships, West Berlin.

Nov 25: Inter-county knockout competi-

Skating
Jan 28-29: European speed champion-

Ian 31-Feb 4: European figure champion-

ships, Strasbourg. Feb 11-12: World sprint championships,

Feb 25-26: World speed championships, men, Göteborg. March 45: World speed championships, women, Helsinki.

March 7-11: World figure championships,

Ottawa.

Nov 5-6: Richmond Trophy, Richmond.

Nov 18: British ice dance championship,

Not 28-29: British figure championships,

tion final, Nuneaton.

ships, men, Oslo.

Lake Placid.

Swimming

Rowing

July 15-16: Nottingham.

Commonwealth games Athletics: Aug 6-12 (Commonwealth Stadium)

Bodminton: Aug 411 (Alberta Univer-

Bowls: Aug 4-11 (Coronation Greens) Boxing: Aug +11 (Edmonton Gardens). Cycling: Aug 412 (Argyll Velodrome). Gymmestics: Aug 69 (Coliseum).

C':soting: Aug 3-10 (Strathcona Range). Swimming: Aug 49 (Kinsmen Sports Centre).

Weight!ifting : Aug 4-8 Jubilee

Wrestling: Aug 9-11 (Alberta Univer-

July 1: British men's chamcionship, fourth division, River Hunipill. July 15: British women's championship,
River Nene.
Aug 19: British meu's championship,
third division, River Withern.
Sept 9: British meu's championship, first
division, River Ayon.
Sept 17: World championships Sept 17: World championships, New Danube, Victura.

Sept 23: British men's championship, second d'vision. River Trent.

Archery

April 2: British indoor championships, Cosford. May 27-28: British field championships, Rhoneda. June 10-11: British terget championships, Stoneleigh.
June 28-30: Grand National tournament, Oxford.

Aug 5-6: European target championships,

Athletics

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Jan 27-28: British indoor championships, Feb 11: Britain v West Germany, Cosford. Feb 17: East Germany v Britain, Senften-Mar 1: Britain v Spain, men, Cosford. Mar 4: English cross-country championships. Leeds. Mar 11-12: European indoor championships, Milan. Mar 14: Europe v United States, indoors, Mar 25: International cross-country championships, Glasgow. June 10-11: Britain v East Germany, Crystal Palace. June 23-24: AAA championships, Crystal Palace. June 24:25: Prance v Britain, women, July 2: Britain v Bulgaria, women, Crystal

Palace. July 14-16: United Kingdom closed championships, Meadowbank Aug 18-19: Women's AAA championships, Crystal Palace. And 29-Sept 3: European chempionships. Sept 9-10 : Britain v Soviet Union v Pinland, Crystal Palace. Sept 15: IAC meeting, Crystal Palace.

**Badminton** 

Jan 3 : Denmerk v England, Copenhagen. Jan 4: Sweden v England, Trelleborg. Jan 19: Scotland v England. Feb 16: Uber Cup, European zone semifinal tie. England v Caneda or Nether-lands, Washington, Durbam. March 15-18: All-England championships, April 9-15: European championships. Preston May 13-30: Uber Cup, inter-zone finals, New Zealand.

Basketball

. March 28: European Cup Winners' Cup April 1: English Cup finals, men and accret. Wembley
April 6: European Cup final.
April 6: European Cup final. April 7 and 14: British Federation Cup Aug 19-Sept 3 .: Commonwealth chempionships, in Wales. Scotland and Eugland. Oct 1-14: World championships, Manila.

Billiards, snooker

Feb 6-10: Mosters snooker tournament, New London Theatre. Feb 27-March 18: English amateur billiards chamnionship, Middlesbrough. April 13-15: English amateur snocker championship, All-England final, Black-April 17-29: World professional snooker championship, Sheffield.

Bobsleigh, toboggan

lan 7-8: European four-man bob chompionships, Igls. Jan 1415: Heaton Gold Cup, Cresta Run, St Moritz: European two-mun bob championship. Igls. Jan 21-22: Curzon Cup, Cresta Run; World roboggan championships, Imst. lan 28-29 : Brabason Trophy, Cresta Run ; British tuboggan championships, Hammerstrand (prov).

Feb 1: Services Cresta championship. Feb 4: Norgan Cup, Cresta Run. Feb 45: European toboggan championstims. Hammerstrand: World two-man hob chempionship, Lake Placid. Feb 11: Cressa Grand National. Feb 11-12: World four-man ceb champion-

ship, Lake Placid.

Rowls

lune 911: EBA Masters singles tournament, Worthing. me 1921: Home internationals, women. Cardiff.

Rne 22: British Isles championships,
women, Cardiff. 1/7 3-4: British Isles championships, men, Glasgow. lely 5-7: Home internationals, men, Glasgow.

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Ling 7-16: English women's championshipt Learnington. lug 14.26: EBA and county champion-ship finals, Worthing.

Boxing

Jan 11: England v Scotland, Gloucester. Jan 30: England v France, Cunard Hotel. Feb 15: Muhammad Ali v Leon Spinks, Las Vegas.
May 5: ABA finals, Wembley.
May 6-20: World amateur championships,

Canoeing

May 13-14: British open wild water chamjune 1-4: Sistem international (Trywerwyn).
July 8-9: British sprint championships,
Holme Pierrepont.
Aug 10-13: World Championships, Belgrade.

Aug 26-28: British long distance championships.

Croquet

May 15-20: Peel memorials, Chekenham. June 19-24: Men's and women's championships, Cheltenham. July 17-22: Open championships, Hurling. liam and Roehampton.
Sept 30-Oct 1: All England handicap
finals, Roehampton.

Cycling

May 28-June 10: Tour of Britain.

June 25: British professional road race championship, Coventry.

June 29-July 23: Tour de France.

July 2: British amateur road race championship, Caistor; British women's road race championships; Sutton Bonnington; London-York professional race.

July 14-18: Scottish milk race.

July 14-23: British track championships,

Leicester.

Aug 8-12: Glasgow-London professional Ang 16-27: World championships, Munich, Cologne and Nürburgring.

Cricket

Jan 2-7 : Pakistan v England, Hydersbad. Jan 7-12 : Australia v India, Sydney. Jan 13-17 : Packer Australian XI v Worl XI, Melbourne. Jan 18-23: Pakistan v England, Karachi. Jan 27-31: Packer Australian XI, v World Jan 28-Feb 2 : Australia v Iodia, Adelaide. Feb 9-13 : Packer Australian XI v World XI, Sydney Feb 10-15: New Zealand v England, Wellington. Feb 24-March 1 : New Zealand v England. Christchurch. March 49 (or 10): New Zealand v England, Auckland. May 24: England v Pakistan, Manchester May 26: England v Pakistan, Oval (one: day!. June 1-6: England y Pakistan, Birmingham. June 15-20: England v Pakistan, Lord's. June 29 July 4: England v Pakistan, Leeds.
July 15: England v New Zealand, Scar-borough (one day).
July 17: England v New Zealand, Manchester (one day).
July 22: Benson and Hedges Cup final, July 27-Aug 1: England v New Zealand, Aug 10-15: England v New Zealand, Not-

tingham. Aug 34-29: England v New Zealand,

Sept 2: Gillette Cup final, Lord's.

Equestrianism

April 13-16: Badminton Horse Trials. May 11-14: Royal Windsor Horse Show. May 26-29: Embassy show jumping, Hick-May 31-June 3: Royal Bath and West Show.
June 16-18: Benson and Hedges fournament, Cardiff. July 2-6: Royal Show, Stoneleigh. July 5-9: World dressage championship, Goodwood.

July 13-16: British Jumping Derby, Hickstead. July 17-22: Royal International Horse Show, Wembley.
Aug 3-6: Nations Cup meeting, Hickstead. Aug 8-13: Royal Dublin Society show.
Aug 15-19: World driving championship, Budapest. Aug 16-20: World show jumping championship, Aachen.

Aug 25-Sept 8: Wills British champion-

ship. Hickstead.

Aug 31-Sept 3: Burghley horse trials.

Sept 14-17: World three-day event championship. Lexington, Kentucky.

Oct 2-7: Horse of the Year show. Dec 14-18: Olympia show.

Fencing

Feb 4-5: Ceronation Cup, men's foil, de Beaumont Centre.
Feb. 11-12: C-L de Beaumont Cup, women's foil, de Beaumont Centre.
March 4: Martini epée competition, de Beaumont Centre and Seymour Hall.
April 8-9: Corbie Cup, sabre event, de Beaumont Centre. April 15-16: British epée championship. April 22-23: British foil championship, men, de Beaumont Centre. April 29-30: British sabre championship and British foil championship, women, de Beaumont Centre. July 13-23: World championships, HamFootball's leading fixtures

World Cup Argentina June 1-25

(Sixteen countries play in four groups) June 2, 6 and 10: Group one matches at Buenos Aires and Mar del Plata. June 1, 2, 6 and 10: Group two matches at Buenos Aires, Rosairo and Cordoba. June 3, 7 and 11: Group three matches at Buenos Aires and Mar del Plats.

Other fixtures

Feb 22: West Germany v England, Munich.
March 18: Football League Cup final, Wembley.

April 19: England v Brazil, Wembley.

April 26: Uefa Cup final, first leg.

May 3: European Cup Winners' Cup final,

Paris.

May 6: FA Cup final, Wembley: Scottish Cup final, Glasgow.

May 9: Uefa Cup final, second leg (or May 11).

May 10: European Cup final, Wembley.

May 13: Wales v England, Cardiff:

Northern Ireland v Scotland, Belfast.

June 3, 7 and 11: Group four matches at Cordoba and Mendoza. (Top two from each group qualify for

June 14, 18 and 21: Group A second round play-offs in Buenos Aires and Cordoba. June 14, 18 and 21: Group B second round play-offs in Rosario and Mendoza. June 24: Third place play-off, Buenos

June 25: Final Buenos Aires.

May 16: England v Northern Ireland, Wemblev May 17: Scotland v Wales, Glasgow. May 19: Wales v Northern Ireland, Wrezham.

May 20: Scotland v England, Glasgow. May 24: England v Hungary, Wembley. Sept 20: European championship: Denmark v England, Republic of Ireland v Northern Ireland. Oct 25: European championship: Repub-lic of Ireland v England, Northern Ire-

land v Denmark. Nov 29: European championship: Bulgaria v Northern Ireland.

Gliding

May 20-29 : British championships. Lasham, Alton.

Ang 19-28: Buropean championships,
Nympstield, Stroud.

Golf

April 6-9: United States Masters, Augusts. May 6-7: Lytham Trophy, Royal Lytham. May 19-21: Brahason trophy, Woodhall May 26-29: PGA championship, Royal June 5-10: British Amateur championship, June 6-10: British women's championship,

June 15-18: United States Open
July 6-9: World Cup, Waterville, Co Kerry.

July 12-15: Open championship St
Andrews.

July 24-29: English Amateur championship, Royal Birkdale.

July 26-29: British women's strokeplay championship, Foxbills.

Aug 26: Colgate women's tournament, Sunningdale. Aug 3-6: United States PGA champion-

Ang 3-6: United States PGA champion-ship, Oakmont.

Ang 4-5: St Andrews trophy (Great Britain v Continent), Bremen.

Ang 4-5: Curtis Cup, Apawamis, New York.

Oct 4-7: Dunlop Masters, St Pierre, Chenstow.

Oct 12-15: Colgate matchplay tournament, Wentworth. Oct 19-22: European Open, London area.

Greyhound racing April 8: Grand National, White City. June 24: Derby, White City.

Sept 4: St Leger, Wembley.

**Gymnastics** 

Jan 21: Champions Cup, Albert Hall. April 15: Champions All tournament, Wembley. May 5-7: British men's championships, Coventry.
May 13: British women's championships, venue undecided.

Dec 5-6: British international tournament, venue undecided.

Hockey

March 4: Wales v England, women, Llanelli. March 5: County final.

March 11: England v United States, March 11-12: International festival, Lord's March 19-April 2: World Cup, Buenos March 28-30: Five nations tournament, women, Bedford April 1: England v Scotland, women, Chesterfield. April 15: Ireland v England, women, April 29-May 1: International tournament, women, Amstelveen May 7: National club final. May 12-15: European club championships, men and women, Barcelona. Sept 2-10: European Nations Cup.

Ice hockey

Hanover.

March 10-19: World championships, pool C. Las Palmas. March 16-27: World championships, pool B. Belgrade. April 26-May 14: World championships, pool A, Prague.

Judo

April 15: British men's open champion-ships, Crystal Palece. April 25-26: British men's team championships, Bath.

May 47: European individual championships, Helsinki.

Lacrosse

Feb 25: Men's senior flag final, Crystal March 11: Scotland v England, women, Dunfermline College, Edinburgh. March 18: England v Wales, women, Hurlingham.

June 24: South v Australia, men (or June 25).
July 1-8: Men's world championships, Stockport.
July 18-Aug 25: English women's Australian tour. Sept 23 : Iroquois Cup, men.

Modern pentathlon

June 19-23: Home internationals, Crystal. Palace.

Aug 10-13: British open championship, Walton-on-Thames. ug 18-23: World championships, Aug 16--. Jönköping.

Motor cycling

Feb 18: World trials championship, April 21-23: World formula 750 world championship, Brands Hetch. May 21: World speedway team championship, Reading.
June 3-9: Isle of Man TT races. June 18: British 250 moto-cross grand prix, Lochgilphead.
July 2: British 500 moto-cross grand prix, Trowbridge. July 16: European sidecar cross championship, Newbury.

Aug 5-6: British grand prix, Silverstone.

Sept 2: World individual speedway championship final, Wembley.

Sept 23-24: British grand prix d'Endurance, Brands Hatch.

Motor racing

Jan 15: Argentine GP, Buenos Aires.
Jan 21-28: Monte Carlo Rally.
Jan 29: Brazilian GP, Rio de Janeiro.
March 4: South African GP, Kyalami.
March 19: International Trophy, Silverstone. April 2: United States GP West, Long May 7: Monaco GP, Monte Carlo May 21: Belgian GP, Zolder.
June 4: Spanish GP, Jarama.
June 10-11: Le Mans.
June 18: Swedish GP, Anderstorp. July 2: French GP, Paul Ricard. July 16: British GP, Brands Hatch. July 30: German GP, Hockenheim. Aug 13: Austrian GP, Zeltweg. Aug 27: Dutch GP, Zandvoort. Sept 10: Italian GP, Monza.
Oct 1: United States GP, Watkins Glen (or Oct 8). Nov 19-23: RAC rally.

Netball

Jan 25: England v Wales, Coventry (or 18: England v Northern Ireland, Bristol. March 18: Wales v England, Cardiff. Nov 4: Wembley international.

**Orienteering** March 24-27: Jan Kjellström Trophy,

Sheffield.
April 30: British relay championships, North-east England. June 11: British championships, Fife.

Polo

May 21-29: National 14-goal championship. Cirencester. June 4-11: Queen's Cup, Windsor.
June 18-25: Royal Windsor Cup, Windsor.
July 1-16: Cowdray Park Gold Cup. Cowdray.
July 15-16: Whitbread Cup, Woolmers Park. July 18-30 : Cowdray Park Challenge Cup, Cowdray.

Ivly 23: WIP Coronation Cup, Windsor.

Aug 6: National team trophy, Cirencester.

Racing
Feb 11: Schweppes Gold Trophy, hurdle, Skiling Jan 1+15: Lauberhorn Cup. Wengen; Newbury.
March 15: Champion Hurdle, Chelteuham.
March 16: Gold Cup, Cheltenham.
April 1: Grand National, Liverpool.
April 8: Lincoln Handicap, Doncaster. Martini-Kandahar, Sansicarios. Jan 26-22: Hahnenkamm Trophy, Kitz-bühel. Jan 21-Feb 3: British Nordic championships. Oberjoch.

Jan 29-Feb 5: World Alpine champion-April 8: Lincoln Handicap, Doncaster.
May 4: 1,000 Guineas, Newmarket.
May 6: 2,000 Guineas, Newmarket.
June 4: French Derby, Chantilly.
June 7: Derby, Epsom.
June 10: Oaks, Epsom.
June 20:23: Royal Ascot.
June 24: Irish Derby, the Curragh Porov).
July 8: Eclipse Stakes, Sandown Park.
July 22: King George VI and Queen
Elizobeth Diamond Stakes, Ascot.
July 25:29: Goodwood meeting.
Aug 22: Benson and Hedges Gold Cup,
York. ships Garmisch-Portenkirchen. Feb 8-12: Arlberg-Kandahar Chamonix, Medeve St Cervais. Feb 17-27: World Nordic championships, Lahti. March 1-5: World hiathlion championships, Hochfilzen.
March 16-19: World Cup finals, Arosa.
April 8-9: British Alpine championships.

Squash rackets

Jan 13-15: Home internationals, Warring-Jan 25-Feb 6: British amoteur championship. Wembley. Feb 17-19: SRPA closed championships. Grantham. Feb 24-March 2: British women's open championships, Wembley. March 15-19: European ampteur team championships, men and women, Amsterdam.

March 28-April 8: British open championships, Wembley.

Shooting

May 18-20: British open clay pigeon championships, London. July 10-22: NRA meeting, Bisley. Aug 11-12: British open skeet championships, Bedford. Aug 12-14: British small-hore rifle championship, Bisley.

Aug 24-28: British pistol championship, Bisley. Sept 24-Oct 5: World small-bore championship, South Korea.

Table tennis

Jan 6: England v China, Middleshrough, Jan 10: England v China, Edmouton, Jan 12-14: English open championships, ships, Woking. March 10-19: European championships, Duisburg.

April 6: England v Netberlands,
Plymouth.

Tennis

Jan 2-8: Masters tournament, New York. Mar 29-April 2: Virginia Slims finals, Oakland.
May 8-14: WCT singles final, Dallas.
May 22-28: Italian championships, Rome.
May 29-June 11: French championships, Paris.

June 12-18: John Player tournament, June 19-24 : Colgate women's tournament, June 19-24: Colgate women's tournament, Eastbourne: Rawlings tournament, Queen's Club.
June 26-July 8: Wimbledon championships.
Aug 28-Sept 10: United States championships, New York.
Sept 18-24: British hard court championships; Bournemouth.
Nov 2-4: Wightman Cup, London.
Nov 13-19: Benson and Hedges tournament. London. ment, London.
Nov 27-Dec 3: Federation Cup,
Melbourne.

Water skiing

June 3-4: Old Spice international, June 24: British Grand Prix, Burnham-July 15-16: British championships, Thorpe Water Park.

Dec 18-28: Australian championships, Melbourne.

Weightlifting

March 4: British championships, Man-May 1: Britain v China, Bristol. June 7-19: European championships, Havirov, Czechoslovskia. Sept 29-Oct 9: World championships, Teheran.

Wrestling

April 8: English championships, Bexley. April 21-23: European Greco-Roman championships, Oslo.

May 5-7: European free-style championships, Sofia.

May 27: British championships, Glasgow. June 3: British sambo championships, Huddersfield or Streetford.
Sept 3-6: World Greco-Roman championships, Mexico City.

Sept 7-10: World free-style championships, Mexico City.

**Yachting** 

June 3-9: Weymouth Olympic classes. June 3: Round Ireland race starts, Falmouth.
July 9-14: Edward Heath and James Cook series, Channel/Cowes. July 22-28: Korsar world championship, Grafinam Water. July 23-28: Enterprise world champion-ship, Paignton. July 29-Aug 6: Cowes Week. Aug 13-26: Half Ton Cup world cham-pionship, Poole.

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# **Cottages to** let with all mod cons-official

Last summer a colleague rented a Deyon cottage for his family holiday. It was advertised as having a bedroom, a sitting ro. m, and a kitchen. Only when he arrived dic he discover that all three were in fact in the same small space. The family gave up the holiday after one uncomfortable right, and returned home. They had no redress. The consumer's usual protections do not apply when doing business with private individuals.

Of course most people hiring holiday comages in Britain this summer will be fully satisfied. But the fact remains that the trade is unregulated, and that charges and standards vary enormously. Agencies: take large mark-ups on rentals, and holiday homes belonging to organizations with reputations to maintain, such as the National Trust and Landmark Trust, have to be booked years rather than months thead although they are by no means chean.

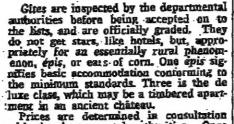
They do things differently in France. In Britain not even the hotels are offici-ally inspected or classified. In France, where there is a nassion for placing things in categories, even the country holiday cottages are officially graded

Last year 500 British families called at the French Government Tourist Office (178 Piccadilly) to book holidays in Gites de France—urivately owned holiday homes and modernized to set standards with the aid of government improvement grants and low-cost loans. This year the service is being expanded and bookings will also be taken by post.

The Gites (the word means the form, or nest, of a hare) are administered by the Federation Nationale des Gites de France, a para-governmental, non-profit-making organization, responsible for developing the self-catering rural holiday market in France.

In return for the financial assistance they get in modernizing and equipping what are usually redundant cottages or farm buildings, gite owners have to sign and abide by a strict charter. The provisions cover the standards of comfort, equipment and amenines. No gite, for example, is without an internal, flushing, ventilated toilet.

The owners are also obliged to ensure that they, or their representatives, are available close at hand to welcome guests, deal with any problems, and provide information.



Prices are determined in consultation with the departmental authorities. Once fixed they cannot be increased by more than 10 per cent a year. The departmental sections of the Federation handling book-ings take a modest amount, between 5 and 10 per cent of the total rent, for their services. Tax concessions which the own-ers enjoy depend upon their observing the

charter rules.

The result is that, especially with the pound strengthening against the franc, gites represent an exceptional holiday bar-

gites represent an exceptional holiday bargain. An average gite for five, with two bedrooms, living room, kitchen and bathroom, costs £30 to £45 a week; according to season. Prices can be as low as £15 a week in the off-season.

I stayed at a delightful gite in the Manche last summer, and took the opportunity to inspect several others. Our own cottage, with three double bedrooms and a huge living-dining room with all the iron utensils required for cooking over blazing wood fires in the open cheminée (and a modern electric cooker in the modern kitchen) cost 370 francs in June or September, 470 in July or Angust.

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In the standard of equipment and decoration it surpassed anything I have seen in self-catering accommodation in Britain, but it rated only two spis—because the bathroom was on the ground floor, rather distant from the bedrooms, and the exterior rather plain.

On the other hand we had farmyard animals at the backdoor, and neighbouring farmers kept us supplied with fresh picked strawberries, corn-fed chicken, and fresh cream. We had two coasts within easy driving distance.

driving distance.
There are 23,000 gites in France all told. There are even gites in the French West Indies, Martinique and Guadeloupe, as well as a couple of hundred in Corsica. The department with the largest number is Savoie, followed by Ardeche, Isere, Finistère, Aude and Dordogne.

Finistère, Aude and Dordogne.

To book a gite it is necessary to join the British section of the Federation. Membership costs £3.50, and includes a copy of the French Form and Village Holiday Guide listing and illustrating 1,000 gites, and otherwise obtainable from major booksellers at £1.95, or direct from Euro States Publishing, 14 Sun Street, ECZM 2OA. The British section's address is 178 Piccadilly, London WIV OAL.

The French Travel Service have also introduced package holidays using gite accommodation, from £42 per person per week including cross-Channel farry fares. Full details of these are available from British Rail travel centres.

Robin Young Consumer Affairs Correspondent



On Christmas Eve, María Estela Peron, who so pathetically misruled Argentina for 21 months, began her twenty-second month of imprisonment. No other deposed Argentine president this century has been detained for so long. But Senora Peron, who is transpord to grade her has part and who is trapped as much by her past and the shadow of her late husband as by the will of her military jailers, faces the like-lihood of further unhappy years of

detention shead.

With a recent suicide attempt behind her, the fragile excabaret girl and ex-president is confined to a wired-off com-pound inside the Azerardo navy base 200 miles from Buenos Aires. If some reports can be credited, she would happily

reports can be created, she could napply enter a Spanish convent and forget about Argentina and Peronism.

For a woman of 46, bereft of political gifts, who enslaved herself to Juan Domingo Peron nearly two decades ago-becoming a prisoner of his politics, then of the presidency and now of her military contributers a scanism is an understand.

overthrowers, escapism is an understand-able sentiment.

But it is not likely to be satisfied, unless humanizarian considerations intervene.
The military Junta will not easily forget Señora Perón's stubbornness, hysterics and

devotion to Perón. During Argentina's darkest hour she revealed only brief flashes of political common sense, and the Junta will hardly risk her rallying Peronism from Spanish exile, as Perón did for more spans

for many years.

The reported hopes of some Peronists that she may soon be set free in Argentina appear even dreamier. For without her, the peronists with its appear even dreamier. For without her, the Junta can hope that Peronism, with its stulativing statism, anti-economic nationalism and egocentric populism, will sink into oblivion. For 30 years it has been Argentina's main political force, a sibling of fascist ideologies of the 1930s which has long helped make Argentina unpreparable.

Whatever the discredit and disintegration brought upon the movement by its disastrous 1973-76 government, it has a history of remarkable resilience. The military interest must be to avert its further resurrection if they are to build the promised "new republic" along modern and democratic lines.

It is ominous for Senora Perón's hopes of freedom that the military plan to rule another 10 years to achieve this. It is equally ominous that the eventual destiny of now-leaderless Peronist votes, and con-

trol of Peronist unions, will largely decide them will shape its politics for years, and Senora Peron will be either a pawn or a queen in the game.

There are populists enough in today's Argentina eager to inherit Peron's constituency. Some, like Peron, are military men, though lacking his schooling in Mussolini's Italy. Prominent generals can already be tentatively identified playing to the masses and the Peronist unions, hindering President Jorge Rafael Videla's efforts to bury the past and modernize the country. Even Admiral Emilio Massera, Junta member and navy commander, is often identified among them, particularly as the chief critic of austere economy, establish a free market system and sweep There are populists enough in today's establish a free market system and sweep

establish a free market system and sweep away built in fieldoms.

Señora Perón's magic name may one day drag her into this emerging power game. Indeed, the Peronist movement is not dead yet, and whenever its adherents gather her name is still enthusiastically chorused. "If she definitely drops the bunch who surrounded her in office we will still recognize her as our leader", declares Señor Juan José Taccone, veteran leader of a Peronist labour organization.

But at present the Junta wants her sentenced on corruption charges in the civil courts, partly because this could grant some post facto legitimacy to her overthrow. They also need her evidence in similar cases against her former colleagues.

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similar cases against her former colleagues.

The seven cases against Señora Perón include alleged embezzlement of millions of dollars of public money. Some appear quite flimsy, but the possible sentences range up to eight years jail and it may be two years before any judgments are reached. Until then she is being detained by court order. Her early release is unlikely on technical grounds. President Videla cannot legally pardon her before sentencing, so the judges would have to quash each case in unison to make it possible.

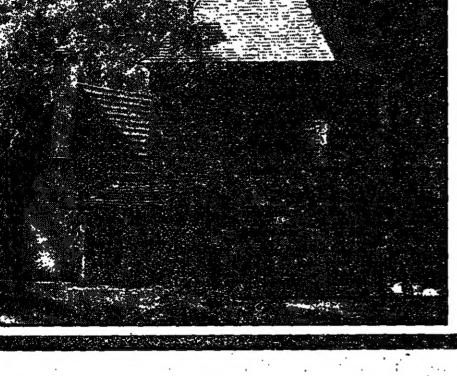
Even that would not guarantee Señora Perón's freedom. She is simultaneously beld under the Junta's "Act of Institutional Responsibility" by which she and about 50 others have lost their property, freedom and political rights for allegedly culpable irresponsibility in office.

This may all seem harsh on a small town dancing girl who married a big-time ex-dictator and then did her incompetent best when he returned to power, died, and left her as president. But if the penalties Argentina's rulers pay are to be commensurate with the disasters they bring. Señora Perón might well consider herself comfortably off in her three-room officer's bungalow at the Azopardo base. She has her poodle, her Spanish maid and her garden. Her solitary friend, Señora Cuca de Marco, wife of an ex-minister, comes to stay at weekends and reports her well cared for, in good health and reasonable cheer, writing poetry and the story of her life with Perón.

Yet the bit purt actress who tried bravely to understudy the dead master in an impossible role is an unfortunate surrogate for Perôn's own gulit. Perón was indeed happy in the bour of his death, for his legacy was a violently disintegrating movement and a country wracked by its greatest moment of crisis. If ever a ruler deserved posthumous impeachment, for designating an inexperienced woman to speceed him as president at such a time.

deserved posthumous impeachment, for designating an inexperienced woman to succeed him as president at such a time, it was he rather than his ill-equipped

Andrew Tarnowski



# WILL EUROPE GREET THE NEW YEAR WITH AN ECONOMIC HANGOVER?

In next Tuesday's issue Europa looks to the future with a review of the past year and assesses the economic legacy of 1977. A firm footing for movement forward or just more shifting sand?

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# A force in the Mediterranean

ambiguous situations with some-thing less than a major war". This is how Nato's southern beadquarters at Naples charac-

Much the same can be said of the contiguous region on the other side of the Mediterranean where a weighty element of Nato, the American Sixth Fleet, is also a considerable presence, mostly unseen but constantly felt, for Israel and her Arab

eighbours. If formal American security If formal American security guarantees may ultimately be extended to Israel in the context of a Middle Eastern arrangement, the Sixth Fleet will give them instant credibility. The Arabs in general have, indeed, always regarded it as evidence of a commitment implicit but no less firm.

Awareness of the credibility aspect is heightened by a vicit to the "USS America", 78,500 tons, 5,000 men—2,100 of them in the air wing—which was cruising off Crete with her 90 jet sircraft on day and night training flights. training flights.

permatient feature among the 15 or so combatant ships on attachment with the Sixth Fleet and serve to give it a conspicu-ous lead in a political show of

The description "completely equipped air bases" is hardly. an exaggeration; and as one officer put it, "unlike land bases overseas, the carriers are not dependent on the political temperament of foreign govern-

That night, as returning fighters came howling out of the inky blackness, the only indication of sea level was a semaphore winking out

somewhere on the port beam—
a message from one of the five
escorcing destroyers.

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logistic deficiency, their main tion of the fact that 30 per cent units are probably less active in of the nave's budget goes on promoting Moscow's political actisubmarine measures.

If precisely-aimed visual significant would otherwise be "We can be a very elusive nais have not been smirely superseded by electronic systems, one of the reasons for this had been clearly visible.

this had been clearly visible until dusk two or three miles behind; a Russian Rigarciass frigate that had been trailing the carrier all day.

The Soviet Mediterranean squadron—with at least a score of combarant vessels drawnfrom both Northern and Black Sea fleets—has a florilla of intelligence-collecting craft dogging the wake of major United States units.

Our nattle tails , they are

called by the Americans who do not reciprocate this type of surface surveillance. They rely instead on intensive photo reconnaissance by Crusaders, one of the eight different types f jet aircraft on the America and her companion

even useful to Washington in the 1967 Middle East war when President Nasser, mindful always of the importance for Israel of the American naval force accused fleet planes of attacking his forces in the the Sinai. Moscow knew the observe to be incorrect. harge to be incorrect. Soviet missile cruisers of the oscow and Krisa classes have

helicopters but are disadvan-taged in wide-ranging air cover. While the Russians do have imited facilities at Tartus, in Syria, and access to repair vards in Yugoslavia, their being deprived of the use of Alexandria as from April, 1976, means their beautiful and means their beautiful as from April, 1976, means

they have since had nothing comparable with the services available to the Americans at haples and other Italian ports. Because of this current

illuserate the folly of paying far-

mers to produce more milk,

the case. They make much use of fixed anchorages in inter-national waters off North Airica and Crese and rely heavily on auxiliary vessels.

Albania having fallen out with Peking, the Naples HQ is alert for any hint of a Tirana-Moscow rapprochement enab-ling the Sovie; navy to regain-its former submarine base there. They are also on the look out for any move whereby it could avail itself of north if could avail itself of north African ports, not least Tobruk harbour. The Russians do, of course, visit some of these perts and the small Libyan navy has Soviet equipment, including a submarine, but as yet there is no overt sign of a

significantly closer association. A major concern at Naples is what happens after Tito in Yugoslavia, whose continued independence is regarded as primordial, from the naval preoccupations are the Greek-Turkish dispute in the Aegean; the importance of ensuring the benevolent neutrality of Spain and the effects of the British

The narrow entrances at each end of the Mediterranean and the steadily-improving satellite surveillance of its 970,000 square miles by both super powers inhibits maximum deployment of the submarine fleets to which the Soviets in particular have allocated a eading strategic and tactical

"America's " officers brush off any suggestions that the carriers could in some cir-cumstances be like sitting

target, moving 300 miles over-night", said the officer. "We are highly manoeuvrable and can travel 30 knots plus. "We have suface-to-air and surface-to-surface missiles, the

latest in electronic counter-measures, our airborne early warning can detect and assess soon enough for successful interception in any weather.

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Specialization of tasks on the ship is such that many of the men on board are hardly con-scious of the sea or of the difference between day and

night.
Not so for the flight deck squads in their array of red, vellow and white jackets, with crass-belmets and walkie-talkies. Beards, moustaches and longish hair are commonplace: they have samehim they have something of the rod , or Wild West air about

them, each busy with his own responsibility.
"This was what most surprised a Soviet defector who visited us, the officer said. He couldn't get over the contrast with their ships. "But these men know their jobs and are given the latitude to get on with them independently. The majority are under the age of 20, a few years younger than the pilots. The captain, 50, is former carrier pilot who was a prisoner of war in North Viet nam for six years.

Alan McGregot



thereby pushing up prices of dairy goods like butter, when milk products were already so expensive that the BEC was unable to sell much of what it was The association based its forecast on three things. First, it foresaw a rise of 61p a pound

support prices were raised on New Year's Day at the end of the transitional period of the country's membership of the Community. It was safe with that figure since it had been that if certain things happened shoppers would have to pay about 62p a pound for butter late in 1978. It was a very a month earlier.
The association then

calculated by the Government lated that the rise in farm prices throughout the EEC which the European Commission has already proposed for 1978 would add 10 a pound on

The association wanted to butter prices in Britain. went on to say that the rise proposed by the commission for this country alone through a dewould add a further 2p. By the time all the

creases are passed on", the association concluded, "probably by next aurumn, and if the special United Kingdom subsidy remains the same, British shoppers will then have to pay

Each of these three assumptions is highly questionable. First rises in farm prices proposed by the commission for the whole EEC are almost never accepted by the Council of Community Farm Ministers, which has the final say about them.

Second, the devaluations of the green pound which it sugted by the British Government,

them. Thirdly, the ass assumes that the special su sidy paid in this country alor will stay the same. Its value for most of 1978 b still to be decided, and British Government has alrea used the green pound as bargaining weapon to 62 particular concessions like butter subsidy. It is thereft unwise for the association assume that the Government devalue the green por as the commission wants that the subsidy will

unchanged. It is just as likely that I Community will refuse extend the subsidy in which devalue, the devalue the green pour Eutter might then cost 72p pound late next year.

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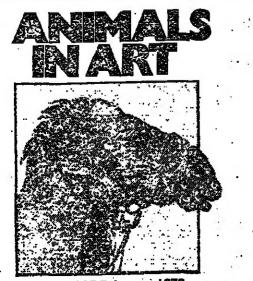
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Balcon, Sir Michael, died at 80 Balcon, Sir Michael, died at 80 after more than half a century in films. As a producer of courage and imagination he was responsible for several of the British cinema's brief trumphs such as Ealing. Also British, Best of: Anthony Simmons's exuberant and generous Black dog.

Crawford, Joan and Crosby, Bing, whose deaths severed links with cinema history. Her career spanned six decades, since the time when she was the most vivacious of Twennies flappers; he preserved to the end the stylish ease of Thirties musicals.

Disaster movies were in dec-line, with Lawy Peerce's Two-Minute Warning, John Fran-keaheimer's Black Sunday, William A. Graham's 21 Hours at Munich and James Goldat Musice and James Stone's Rollercoaster; and a mice send-up, Silver Streak, gave them an extra push on their way.

Entebbe was the year's most popular subject. The American versions, Martin J. Chomsky's Victory at Entebbe and Irvin Kershner's Raid on Entebbe came out neck and neck, but were outclassed by the Israelis own Operation Thunderbolt, directed by Menahem Golan. Foul play and worse language: in George Roy Hill's distingual REESZEBLOCK PARK
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incorporating pantonime inside a number (as in Fagin's lesson in picking pockets), or simply projecting character on a large scale. So far as the family

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in minimizing the horrors and the clammy sentiments of the

grim as a Dore engraving and promptly bursts into the joyous juvenile chorus of "Food" musicals but one. I was quire upprepared for Oliver! Sad to think that it first appeared 17 years ago, since when there has hardly been a single British musical worth remembering. As without softening the boys' Likewise, when Oliver finds his cosy refuge in Bloomsbury, Bart introduces a trio of street-Barr's own subsequent work proved, the success of this piece cannot be reduced to formula. But there it stands, as calls which is very beautiful in itself, and establishes the sense

The workhouse opening is as

of a sunlit awakening without recourse to Dickensian bene-factresses busiling about with factresses bustling about with bowls of soup.

Robin Midgley and Larry Oaks's production is said to be based on Peter Coe's original direction. but there is no sense of witnessing a carbon-copy. The crowd scenes of Oliver's first thiering expedition and the hue and cry after Sikes come over with a tremendous come over with a tremendous disciplined vigour, flashing past in a few seconds but packed with tiny individualized per-formances that enrich the scene

(in these lean times, the management have not skimped on casting). of concerted music although Wednesday's was a solo recital of Chopin's piano works by Howard Shelley.

Mr Shelley won golden opinions recently for an integral reading of Chopin's 24 Preludes. They were included in this programme too, and the performance again commanded respect, not without some reservations. With his ebullient dexterity. bright and full but never forced fortissimo tone, enviable range of nuance and keyboard colour. of nuance and kevboard colour, and vein of lyrical, contemplative music-making, Mr Shellev has much to bring to Chopin.

He brought it, in the dramatic F minor, the brilliant B flat minor, the surging F sharp minor, equally in the mournful E minor and simple, lilting A major preludes. He communicated the set as a single experience, each mosaic perexperience, each mosaic per-fectly placed by the composer to set off its neighbours, even though the flame of continuity sometimes lost intensity, as in the B minor, the short but vital C minor, and the penultimate F major (taken very slowly). His most elegient Chopinplaying was surely to be heard in the B flat minor Sonata, whose last three movements found Mr Shelley in top form; in the first movement, particu-larly its second subject, as in the Barcarolle at the start of

New work by Gordon Crosse

As part of an extensive programme to celebrate the quincentenary of printing in Oxford, the Oxford University Press has commissioned a new work from Gordon Crosse. Wildboy, subtifled "concertante for clarinet, with cimbalom and seven players", will be given its first performance at the Queen Elizabeth Hall on February 13 by the Nash

Ensemble. The work, which lasts about 18 minutes, is scored for flure, clarinet, bassoon, horn, cimbalom, violin,

This will be the second of Crosse's works to be given for the first time by the Nash Ensemble within the past 12 mouths Last June they gave the first performance of World Within for actress, sooreno, and themselves had commissioned in association with the Arts Council of Great Britain.

sinla, cello, and bass.

**David Robinson** 

was high mortality among directors; Howard Hawks, the great Hollywood professional, Tom Cries, who died while at work on The Greatest; H.-G. Clouzot, Charles Frend, Karl Ritter (gifted director of some of the most notorious films of the Nazi era), Herbert Wilcox, the Nazi era), Herbert Wilcox, Roberto Rossellini, William Castle, Delner Daves, H. C. Potter (Helzapoppin), Yutaka Abe, Writers: Numally Johnson, Jacques Prévert, Vladimir Nabokov, John Howard Lawson, Animators, John Hubley (creator of Mr Magoo) and Peter Foldes, Cameramen Christian Marras, and Eucen Christian Matras, and Eugen Schufitan, whose "Schuffran Process" has pleasingly deluded generations of filmgoers into believing that minuture models and glass slides are real life and full-scale

Women's Pictures enjoyed a grand revival with Charles Jarrours shamelessly enjoyable The Other Side of Midnight.

N-rated. Who would have thought we would ever see a portion version of Alice? But

Yelp. The Pack, about marauding, maddened homicidal dogs, represents a whole cycle of about monstrous mutations of natural instinct (cf. currently, Death is Child's Play, at the new Classic

Zanussi, Krysziof, whose Camouflage (London Film Festival), from Poland, was the sharpest film to come out of a remake of Henri-Georges Chouzon's 1953 success, Wages Socialist Europe this year. Even if it had not been, Zanossi is always a very wel-come name in any New Year's Sea, All at, and none the better for it: Voyage of the Dammed, Golden Rendezvous and Orca—Killer Whale.
Also: Spin-offs, a wooful symptom of Industrial demoralization

ABC game. The old year stumbled out with the latest Clint Eastwood. The Gauntles. Its parts are assembled like a ritual: the uncompromising cop Ben Sharkey sear to bring in an unlikely prisoner; the couple brought together by the circumstances of a pursued and perilous highway journey; the post-Nixon paranoia of an enemy within and the Kafka terrors of murderous corruption within police headquarters itself. Everything concentrates to the final set piece: hero and heroine in an armoured

the Phoenix police lining the streets and numping shot. The language is rough and the action rougher. Clint's retort to the challenge "You wouldn't hit a lady?" is to send her flying off a moving train with a right to the mid-riff. It is hardly supprising

juggernaut bus running the

A for Allen (Woody), Annie Hall and the year's best film; Z for Zanussi (Krzystof), director of Camouflage, Eastern Europe's sharpest offering

sioned comic fable about what the public wants, Slap Shot. Also Fellini, who managed at once to dress up and demythify Casanova.

Groucho, who had leered upon the managed with the public wants of the first and greatest film archives awful version of one of the movies' most re-made subjects, Mark Twain's The Prince and the Pauper. Though the title suggested a follow-up to his purpose. Funding Iron established its own gentre of amiably menda-Muscles: George Butler's Pumping Iron established its own genre of aniably menda-cious documentary, and left no doubt that Arnold Schwar-

Groucho, who had beered upon the marronly Margaret Dunont through the Thirties series of Marx Brothers' films, and whose wit had long outlived the team itself, died at the age of 86.

Hitler was a renewed preoccu-pation with German film-makers, and proved as potent a source of trouble as ever. Jo-achim C. Fest's Hitler-Eine Karriere rediscovered far 100 much glamour in the old Nazi newsreets, and sparked off demonstrations when shown in Germany. Hans-Jurgen Syber-Germany. Hans-Jurgen Syber-berg's seven-hour dream-docu-mentary Hitler—A. Film Made in Germany had its world pre-miere at the London Film Festival after the director had washed his hands of his dis-approving compatriots. UEi approving compariots. Ush Mommer's Adolf and Marlene was threatened with litigation on account of its speculative fantasies about the Fuhrer's in-

Idi Amin, who has unwittingly provided employment opportunities for plump, black actors (see Entebbe).

fatuation for the star.

James Bond, still on active service despite successive changes of face, in Lewis Gilbert's The Spy Who Loved Me.

King Kong, see Remakes.

Also: Remakes: too many to be healthy, with King Kong, A leading, Henri: legendary and embattled creator of the Cine-Moreau and a particularly

Alfred Sole, admirer of Alfred Hitchcock, and director of a colourful piece of grand guig-nol, Communion; and Hal Needham, who made his debut with a nicely sustained light-weight "road" film, Smokey and the Bandit...

zenegger—Mr Everywhere— was a star as well as body-building's own Greatest.

Newcomers worth watching:

Occult: The: still exercising an occurr: The: shill exercising an evident hold on a world-wide public. The year brought Michael Winner's The Sentinel, Robert Wise's Audrey Rose, John Boorman's Exercist II—The Heretic...

Patriotic (and we all know, that's not enough): Richard Attenborough's all-star tribute to Arnhem, A Bridge Too Far.

Queen of the Blues: Ethel Waters, who had risen from the First World War period honky-took singer, died at 80.

Rocky, fairy-tale of an ageing boxer's moment of glory, pro-ved a real-life fairy story for its formidable inventor-writerstar, Sylvester Stadione.

ond genuine solicitude, casting his eyes up apprehensively to the Almighty while his fingers compulsively continue a life of their own in readiness for the next purse. All the villainy is left to Sikes: Mr Hudd limits himself to craft and terror

himself to craft and terror (combining both morvellously in "Reviewing the Situation", with its wheedling gypsy violin

Gillian Burns is a resolutely

unsentimentalized Nancy, with a big warm voice as fit for the Three Cripples as for the West

End stage, and a capacity for showing off the underworld

without turning it into tourists' London: she is well partnered by Michael Attwell's hulking

Sikes. The Dodger and Oliver emerge with much cheek and charm from Stephen Kebell and

Marcus D'Amico.

There remains the miracle of

Sean Keony's labyrinthine rim-bered set which conveys the spirit of Victorian London from the docks to the quiet streets of

the gentry, constantly under-scoring Barr's cheerful adapta-tion with authentic Dickensian

the recital, his flexible mould-

ing of melody (the famous Chopin "ruhato") sounded Chopin "ruhato") sounded automatic, as if he had not first

played the music strictly in tempo before realizing why

this or that note must be slightly prolonged or clipped, within the context of a long phrase or a harmonic statement. Since he is a thoughtful musiciam, he will have done so, but this time he was not justify.

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ing his legitimate liberties with

In the Trio of the B flat minor Funeral March Mr Shelley moulded the melody to admiration, likewise in the equivalent section of the

Scherzo, and that of the A flat

major Polonaise which ended the programme (a trifling but

traumatic slip of the fingers

won instant sympathy). In the

development of the sonata's first movement he rightly

emphasized the looming of the

introductory theme in the bass, then was carried away by the

climax and forgot to carry the

emphasis through to its own culmination. For his encore he

played the E major study from Op 10, the central section fast

and brilliantly, the opening melody too slow for that con-

text (Chopin wanted it to move

along). I mention such points to

show how interesting the retital

note-values.

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sation: after Airport, Airport
77; efter Wulking Tall, Walking Tall—Final Chapter; after
Jaws, Orca; and Emmanuelles
in every shade, size and
nationality. Top of the Heap: In December Star Wars officially overtook Jaws as the biggest box-office earmer of all nine.
Also, Travesty: Ken Russell's
Valentino... Underrated: Norman, is that

You? which roused suspicions You? which roused suspicions because it was funny about homosexuality; but it was kindly too; also the best bus of Robert Aluman's Three Women. And I may personally not have been kind enough to Exorcist II and to Juhberwocky.

Valete. The cinema lost saveral Stars, Elvis, Peter Finch and Stephen Boyd died young. The veterans included Walter Fitz-gerald, choked-voiced Andy Devine, Yvonne Printemps, Eddie "Rochester" Anderson, Alfred Lunt Zero, Mostel gerald, choked-voiced Andy
Devine, Yvonoe Printemp,
Eddie "Rochester" Anderson,
Alfred Lunt, Zero Mostel,
Edward Chapmon, Sebastian
Cebot, Anthony Nichols. There

# audience is concerned, music is also of the greatest importance in minimizing the horrors and minimizing

The sight of actors running up and down the South Bank of the Thames may be surprising to those who think actors only have to speak well to do their job. For those spectators who can get into the Lyttelton to see the National Theatre's first home-grown and very popular children's play, Sir Gawain and the Green Knight, it will soun be clear why the actors are attending to their physical con-dition. Michael Bogdanov's pro-duction features stick-fighting, tumbling, walks on the tight-wire and sword and Morris wire and sword and morres dances. Those unexpected and newly earned skills bring something of the pure physical excitement of circus to the stage and show very clearly Bogdanov's strong directorial hend. What might be surprising is

that Sir Garain is only the second of Bogdanov's producsecond of Bogdanov's produc-tions to be seen in London. For the past four years his main work has been with Loi-cester's Haymarket and Phoenix theatres and The Magic Drum, which was much praised last Easter when it visited the Lyttelton. was a children's production from the children's production from the Phoenix. London will soon get to know his work much better, beginning tomorrow when his adult, comic treatment of The Hunchlack of Notre Dame opens at the Cottesloe, and then next spring when he takes over the direction of the

His high -reputation in young people's theatre, matched with an interest in popular music that led him to devise and direct a Bearles-Inspired "rock circus spectacular for Leices-ter, Lucy in the Sky, make him seem the ideal choice to follow Frank Dunlop at the Young Vic. Yet, he says, "the Vic is almost the most logical thing that's happened to me. Because every other kind of step thur I've made has seemed totally arbitrary. The chances that have occurred, have occurred for no reason at all."
Born in London, with

morber from Wales and a father from near Kiev, he did not even set out to enter the theatre, but exploited his facility for languages by studying French and German at Trinity College, Dublin. There, from his first term, he put much of his effort into the Dublin University Players where he wrote sketches, revues and did cabaret. A logical extension of that might have been the offer he received to write a televi-sion series in England, but, snow about 3ft high, in plaster up to my thighs."

He was rescued from inactivity by John Molloy who invited him to write some sketches for a show ar Dublin's Gate Theatre. While writing with Molloy, his leg still in plaster, he was asked to do a radio series, just singing songs and

writing linking bits. That led to a hit of cabaret. He was their asked to write for the Group Theatre in Cork and when that show finished touring he returned to Dublin to stage productions at the Eblana and Gate theatres and directed a variety show with the Dubliners which toured Ireland and left Bogdanov with a promising career as a direc-tor. Staying in Ireland may have been an arbitrary twist of fate but before he finally returned to England be had directed over 100 shows in serge and small theatres and directed more than 125 shows for Irish television.

Stopping only briefly on his way from Ireland to the English theatre. Bogdanov bought a small pub in Wales in a mountain sheep-fruing area. (He still keeps a home in Breconshire.) His first proper move into England came when he contacted Terry Hands at the Royal Shakespeare Company and asked if these were the Royal Shakespeare Com-pany and asked if there were any jobs. He soon recepted work as an assistant director at Stratford and by the end of the year he was assisting Perer Brook on his sacetacular production of A Midsummer Night's Dream which took him to New York and Los Assertes to New York and Los Angeles and later to Japan.

Despite his Immersion in traditional theatre and television. Bogdanov has remined and developed a taste inr experiment and invention that is rare in Britain. The circus tricks of Sir Cawain and Lucy in the Sky echo the acrobatic qualities of Brook's Dream and, during the two years he was associate director with Gareth Morgan at Newcastle's University Theatre he streed an adaptation of Goethe's Faust which varied from two hours to four hours in performance and was modelled on the Living Theatre's free form Paradise Now. He remembers it as one of the few times he was able to use his declining Just what is in store for the

Young Vic under Bogdapov is not .et clear. He still has to arrange the mundine details of moving his family, his wife and three children, from Leicester to London, as he only expected to stay here for his four-month stint at the National. He will certainly be bringing some people who have worked with him before and new actors might expect such training as his Leicester company faced when they did a show on boxing and spent "then I got smashed up in a car crash and finished my finals late. I ended up, in January in the depth of winter major at an army barracks for major at an army barracks for major at an army barracke for seven months. Otherwise they might be encouraged to learn musical instruments or to work with Gerry Cottle's Circus or the repetwirler and knifs-thrower, Billy Wilde, as the Leicester company did.

Ned Chaillet

# Review of the Year



Two men who gambled for peace: President Anwar Sadat of Egypt (right) and the Israeli Prime Minister, Mr Menachem Begin







Three superstars, who were mourned by millions in 1977 : left, Elvis Presley; top right Maria Callas;

# Peace on earth-almost

1977 come as near to being a year without war as we can reasonably expect to seeas near, probably, as any in the 25-year reign of Victoria's great-great-granddaughter. For months on end it would have been quite justifiable to have closed the gates of the Temple of Janus, if there had been anything left of them after two millennia of conflict.

It would be going too far to say that birds of calm sat brooding on the charmed wave wherever one looked. If they had tried it in the Gulf of Thelland, for instance, the eggs would soon have been snatched by ravenous hunds. Small boats were dotted all over the mild ocean, full of refugees from Vietnam and Cambodia, driven back at gunpoint from the coasts of neighbouring countries and ignored by passing ships anxious to avoid the nuisance of finding a refuge for them. Most of the worst conflict was in Africa: border raids and counter-raids in Rhodesia, battles between insurgents and pygmy bowmen in Zaire, and the slow disintegration of the Ethiopian empire. The latter developed in the summer into a guerrilla campaign which was probably the most extensive conflict of the yearmuch to the embarrassment of the Russians, who had armed both sides. The most extraordinary event of 1977

was certainly the appearance of President Sadat at a kosher state banquet in Jerusalem. No one could have guessed when Mr Begin's intransigent party came to power in Israel that the year would see the two leaders embracing, speaking of sacred missions and declaring that anything was negotiable. The moral effect was immense: the people of both countries broke into incredulous rejoicing, while some of Mr Sadat's allies called for his overthrow or assassination. It was only natural that some of the euphoria should be dashed when the harder bargaining began in Cairo.

The year abounded in images of

harmony, most of which it was wise to rake with a grain of salt. In Rhodesia Mr Smith declared himself in favour of one man, one vote; in Spain, La Pasionaria took her seat in a democratic parliament (an event that proved more evocative than congruous); 10,000 political prisoners were released in Indonesia; India took its chance and replaced Queen Stork with King Log. In Ulster the rate of civilian casualties fell to a quarter of the rate of recent years, and the province was judged stable enough for the Oneen to make a jubilee visit troversy at Westminster Hall by speaking favourably of the United Kingdom, receiving gifts of a skull-decked trophy in Papus and a reddy-bear in Portsmouth, or winning the Oaks at six to one.

The celebrations took place mainly in weather appropriately reminiscent of the Coronarion. It was a dreary summer after two such superlative ones. But between two such superlative ones. But between showers there was plenty worth watching: the incomparable Red Rum won his third Grand National; Virginia Wade won the Wimbledon kadies' title with much brilliance and a little luck; Niki Lauda became world champion driver after having been smashed practically to bits a year before. In cricket, it is hard to say whether the play at the wicket or in the courtroom was the more entiralling. In the event, the gates for Mr Packer's circus proved scarcely larger than those for Mr Justice Slade's Much satisfaction was felt when England regained the Ashes, a feat previously achieved this century only in the years of the Queen's birth and Coronation (although some sympathy was expressed for the Queen of Australia, whose cricketers had marked the three corresponding landmarks of her career by losing the Ashes each time).

The world of music was plagued by the caprices of trade unions and the muse. The former distupted works ranging from The Toriner disrupted works ranging from the Trojans to Rock Follies (a much more serious matter), as well as some of the year's innumerable new operas. It may be because the muse had been so much importuned by Tippett, Tavener, Blake, Roddinott and Maxwell Davies that she let down Richard Rodney Bennett over The Christians and cruelly teased the Master of the Queen's Music over his unfinished Jubilee symphony and Mass.

In industrial relations more generally the charmed quiet of the past two years began to break up even before the pact between government and TUC over wages expired in July. But the auguries are still not clear: the firemen's strike remains unresolved, the gap between the size of demands and of settlements has never oemands and or settlements has never been so wide, and conflicting currents within groups of workers never so apparent. The Bullock report, which might have marked the high point of the political ascendancy of the unions, exposed confusion in their ranks about what their true role should be It was what their true role should be it was appropriate that the dominating trade dispute of the year, the violent and paradoxical Grunwick affair, should have raised a multitude of questions about the social and constitutional position of the unions, with wages only a marginal issue.

Self-doubt spread on the left (and the right) as it began to seem that the Government's policies might actually be beginning to work. Inflation fell, the pound rose, the gold reserves became almost an embarrassment; even unemployment (though well above the million) at least stopped rising. After many defeats in the Commons, the Government secured its

by raffling motor cars and the like, but there was every prospect that the out-flow would gather pace.

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The merry feckless British made an almost Dickensian contrast with the 
thrifty Germans, deeply demoralized by 
mild inflation and a gang of terrorists 
far smaller than our IRA (though moredisturbingly alien). Six of the gang found 
means to kill themselves in prison after 
the failure of the Mogadishu hijack. 
Other unidentified terrorists apparently 
tried to hijack a Malaysian airliner and 
perished with 100 passengers. In a bad 
year for plane crashes, by far the worst 
was the long-dreaded collision of two 
jumbo jets, a catastrophe in which 582 
died. These events cast a shadow which 
could not be dispelled by Mr Laker's 
overthrow of the fares cartel, Concorde's 
admission' to New York or the success of 
the delightful gossamer bicycle in which 
effective man-powered flight was first 
achieved.

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J. Charrington, Sir G. Christopher, M. Clowes, E. Cole, P.
Contarini, L. Donzeli, J.
Edwardes, Maj R. Fleming, J.
W. Frame, Sir W. Carrett, R.
Gilbey, Sir J. Gilmour, P.
Gooding, Lord Hollevden, Sir
H. Janes, Prof H. Johnson, E.
Kleinwort, Maj J. R. McCrindle, Sir D. McGarvey, Sir R.
Mathys, Sir E. Miller, J. D.

R. Fell, Sir H. Garner, Dr P. Goldmark, Prof H. Heezen, Prof A. V. Hill, Prof H. E. Hinton, Prof D. W. Holder, S. Ilyushin, Dr M. Ingram, G. V. Jacks, R. Jensen, Prof J. K. N. Jones, Prof W. R. D. Jones, Dr P. M. Kaberry, E. Kleinschmidt, Prof W. Klyne, Prof R. Kompfner, M. Langley, D. Lawson, Dr B. Lee, Prof J. E. Littlewood, Prof H. Ludlam, Dr S. Marshall, Prof M. Morse, Prof R. A. Moston, Prof W. Muckle, Sir A. Musto, J. Ogier, Prof W. Parker, R. Railton, J. A. Robbie, Prof A. Robertson, Captain

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# Diary of the year

January

The International Monetary Fund approved Britain's appli cation for a £2,300m toan (see also the 10th and 24th).

5. An unofficial estimate stated that the earthquake in numbern China on July 28 last year killed 655,237 people.

6. A manifesto, signed by Czechoslovak dissidents, calling for the restoration of human rights, and announcing the formation of an association enti-ited "Charter 77" was saug-gled into Germany; on the 31st the Czech Government declared the Charter to be itlegal (see also Feb 11). Mr Roy Jenkins took over from Mr Francois-Xavier Ortoli as President of the European

Mr L. Tyler and his family, ald by Ethiopian guerrillas nce May last year, were

released.
7. French police arrested Ahu Daoud, leader of the Black September assassins of Munich, 1972; he was released on the 11th and flown to Algiers.
Minimum lending rate (14) on 24/12/76) was cut to 14 percent; during the year it fell 16 more times to 5 per cent on Oct 14; on Nov 25 it was increased to 7 per cent. 10. The Bank of International erranged

£1,765m standby safeguard for 14. Thomas Walliam Hughes, a 14. Thomas Walkiam Hughes, a prisoner who escaped while being taken to Chesterfield, was shot dead by police; in Chesterfield he had taken hostages and lolled three adults and a child; a report in March cruicised the prison staff and

17. At Sair Lake City, Utah, Gary Gimore, at his own request was executed by a firing squad for murder in July, 1976.

18 Eighty people were killed when a bridge crashed on a train near Sydney.

19 Authority in the Church, issued by the Anglican and Roman Catholic theological commission, stated that agreement had been reached on the december of substitutions. ment had been doctrine of authority. 20 Mr Jimmy Carter was inaugurated as 39th President United States of

24 Britain negotiated a loan of £873m from 13 British, West German and American banks to sid economic recovery. 26 A majority in the Bullock

A first edition of Melville's The Whale (Moby Dick) fetched a record price for fiction of £30,813 at auction in New York.

New York.

30 A guerrilla gang kid-napped nearly 400 pupils from napped nearly 400 pupils from during school hours.

a mission school in south-west Rhod sia and took them into Bosswana; on February 6 Government to obtain a parents persuaded 51 to majority of 24 votes on a motion of "no confidence" in Botswone; on February 6 parents persuaded 51 to Mme François Claustre, beld

by Chad rebels for three years, was

February 2 Mr J. Agate, director of

Dupont, was shot dead by the Provisional IRA in London-The House of Lords ruled that the NSPCC need not reveal identity of informants.

3 General Teferi Bauce, Ethiopian head of state and six members of the military counrd, were executed for anti-Covernment activities; Colonel Haile-Mariam succeeded him.

6 The twenty-fifth anniversary of the Queen's access Seven white Roman Catholic missionaries were murdered by guerrillas, about 30 miles north

At the European Court of Human Rights, the Government admitted that interrogation techniques used in Ulster deprivation techniques. Extracts in the Daily Mirror from Mr Joe Haines's The Poli-ucs of Power asserted that Sir

Harold Wilson's resignation Honours List was drawn up by Lady Falkender; the latter stated that Mr Haines was wild and inaccurate" (see wild and inaccurate" (see also May 24 and May 27). The Queen left for the Pacific on the first of her Silver Jubilee tours. 10 Four IRA men were sen-

on a number of charges includ-ing the murders of Professor G. Hamikon-Fairley and Mr R. McWhirter, and the Balcombe Street, London, siege. The first and authenti-

cated translation of Charter 77 was published in The Times.
President Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed of India died; he was ucceeded on July 25 by Mr Keelam Sanjiva Reddy.

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After a reported plot to overthrow President Amin, the Anglican Archbishop of of Uganda Dr Javani Luwim was arrested; he and two Cabinet ministers were reported by the Ugandan government to have. been killed in a road accident, in an artempt to escape; the report was condemned report was condemned throughout the world. 17 In Moscow Dr Andrei Sak-

harov received a personal let-ter from President Canter. ter from President Catuer.

18 The General Synod of the 24 The Prince of Wates Church of England approved launched the Queen's Silver an Anglican Roman Catholic Jubilee Appeal for money to Church of England approved an Anglican Roman Catholic statement on Papal primacy.
Six thousand British Leyland toolroom workers voted to stay

on their unofficial strike; the company had lost £12m in two weeks; by March 2, 28,000 workers had been laid off and the Government announced that there would be no more state cash unless the strike ended; it did so on March 20.

19 Mr Anthony Crosland died suddenly; on Feb 21 he was succeeded by Dr David Owen. enec; it did so on March 20.

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21 Representatives of the Argentine Commission for Human Rights claimed that in the 11-month-old regime of General Videla, 2,300 people had been killed and between 20,000-30,000 had disappeared.
23 In Tanzania, refugees from Uganda reported mass killings there of the Langi and Acholi

(see also Oct. 18).

By-elections: Conservatives won Ashfield Nottingham, with a swing of 20.8 per cent; Labour held Grimsby by 520 wotes.

29 An EEC decision to subsidize butter brought its price down by 9p a pound.

May

tribes. 27 About 1,000 Roman Carbolic supporters of the Latin Mass occupied a church in Paris (see also June 29).

March

2 The Government conceded defeat over the ship repairing sections of the aircraft and sections of shipbuilding Bill. nationalization

4 An earthquake in the Ploesti region of Romania killed 1,541 people and injured more than 11,000. The Government refused to buy the Earl of Rosebery's Mentmore House for 13m; on May '18, house and contents were suctioned for £6,389,933. 7 An American motion on the arrest of dissidents in Russia was withdrawn in the UN Human Rights Commission in Geneva: the following day the Commission strongly criticised the regime in Chile. 8 In Dublin eight SAS

diers were acquitted of deli-berately crossing the Irish border in May 1976. mercenaries were reported to have marched into Zaire from Angola (see also April 10). 15 Dr Anatoly Shrharansky, a Jewish dissident was seized by

Jumbiatt, the 16 Kamal Lebanes leftist leader was shot dead; more than 200 revenge killings were later

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need the right of an individual Opango was elected bead of the remedy in law when the Attorney General has refused 21 Mrs Gandhi lost her seat his consent for a relator action; on July 26, the House Congress Party had many of Lords reversed the judge losses; the President revoked ment.

The European Convention on the Repression of Terrorism succeeded as Prime Minister.

Was signed by 17 member countries of the Council of the pin a 31-week dispute for t help in a 31-week dispute for union recognition at Grunwick Processing Leboratories, London (see also June 23).

22 A majority of the Court of Appeal ruled that a Muslim

teacher was not entitled to time off to extend the mosque the Commons; it was renewed

on July 28 (see also Sept 27). 24 The Annan Committee report on broadcasting was published. 25 A Pan Am Boeing 747 collided with a KLM 747 on taklided with a KLM 747 on taking off at Tenerife airport,
killing 582 people.
The National Enterprise
Board authorized £30m to
British Leyland (see also July

25 and Sept 29).
25 and Sept 29).
29 Budget day: Tax concessions worth a 45 per cent pay increase—some conditional on union acceptance of restraint from Aug 1; dearer cigarettes; dearer petrol (revoked on May 9) (see also July 15 and Oct 26). 31 In the Stechford by-election, Mr Andrew MacKay (27)
turned Mr Roy Jenkins's
11,923 majority into a Conservative majority of 1,949.

April

2 Red Rum created a record in winning the Grand National in 1971 amounted to torture; for the third time.

It pledged never again to use 4 Twenty-two Libyan officers deprivation techniques.

Extracted to the Desire the third time. dafi plot in 1975. 7 Mr Yitzhake Rabin \*\*re-signed" as Prime Minister of Israel, having violated currency regulations; he was succeede by Mr Shimon Peres (see also

May 17). Seven Africans were mur-dered by guerrillas in Rhodesia; Government deaths to date were 304, guerrillas 2,348. President Carter proposed to stop nuclear reprocessing and to give prisoner-of-war status tenced to life imprisonment to scrap plans for commercial fast breeder reactors. The Spanish Communist

Party was accorded legal 10 Al-Oadi al-Hajri, a former Yemeni prime minister, his wife and a colleague were shot dead in Bayswater, London.

Zaire to help the army there fight rebel troops. 14 In Johannesburg, a detained Over the weekend, 42 people African fell to his death in an were killed in riots in Pakistan;

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for reason of national secur- || Foreign Minister for six years. 18 A world auction record for a letter was created when a page written by Galileo in 1612 fetched £17,500.

amounced details of his nat-ural energy plan, with price penalties for wasters and rewards for conservers (see also Oct 13).
3 Arrests were made when left-wing groups demonstrated against a National Front march in north London (see also

encourage service by young

25 Jameica's state of emergency of June 19, 1976, was ended. 28 In Stuttgart, after a trial of nearly two years, the Gerof nearly two years, the Germail terrorists, Andreas
Baader, Gudrien Ensalin and
Jan-Carl Raspe were each sentenced to life imprisonment
(see also Oct 18).

there of the Langi and Acholi 1 During May Day riots it Istanbul, between rival leftist groups and police, 38 people were killed. 2 A general strike of "loya-lists" was called for in Ulmer and was partially successful; on the 10th, a bus-driver in Belfast was stabbed and the Rev Ian Paisley was accested in Ballymenn; later he was released; in the first nine days, 1,700 cases of intimida-tion were reported; the strike was called off on the 14th. 3 An RAF Canberra crashed on a house in Huntingdon kill-ing three children and the

crew of two.
4 Reports from Addis Abebs
stated that hundreds had been killed in anti-Government rious.
5 In the County council (including Greater London) elections, Conservatives gained 22 The TUC urged unions to heavily at Labour's expense.

President Carter arrived in strikers; it told unions that London; the following day he pay settlements could not be interested in the settlements of the could not be interested.

visited Newcastle and its envirous; on the 9th he met President Assad of Syria in Geneva. 6 At least 35 black civilians were killed when Rhodesian troops and guerrillas clashed near Chiredze.

near currence of 7 The summit conference of heads of Canada, France, W. Germany, Italy, Japan, Britain and the United States opened in Downing Street. 8 Romania declared a general amnesty affecting 28,500 people.

60,000th 11. The Times 60,000th number was published.

Mr Wallace Virgo, a former Metropolitan Police commander and Mr Alfred William Moody, a former det chief sup, were found guilty of receiving bribes; each was sentenced to 20 years' imprison-ment (see also July 7). Mr Peter Jay, Economics Editor of The Times, was appointed British ambassador

Pasionaria "creturned to Spain after 38 years in exile.

Mr Tony Greig was dismissed as England's Test captain by reason of his involvement with Mr Kerry Packer's projected series of cricker matches in Australia (see also Nov 25).

14 Captain Robert Nairac was kidnapped by the Provisional IRA in the border area of Ireland; his body was never found, but on November 8.

Liam Patrick Townson was sentenced in Dublin to life imprisonment for the murder.

omment for the murder. 15 Five people were killed at the Biggin Hill Air Show when a helicopter collided with a Tiger Moth. Tiger Moth.

16 That part of the Cousumer Credit Act, 1974, relating to credit rights, came into force.

17 After 29 years in office Israel's Lebour Party was defeated in a general election (see also June 21).

The Queen began the first of itil; a minority report called her jubilee tows of the United for government aid to help the 18 A report by the International Commission of Jurists estimated that during the first two years—1971-72—of Fresident Amin's rule, 80,000 to 90,000 were killed. 21 Manchester United beat Liverpool 2-1 to win the FA

Cup; Liverpool had won the League ohampionship; on the 25th Liverpool won the European Cup. hostages in two sieges—105 hostages in two sieges—105 hostages in two sieges—105 hostages in Bovensmilde, N. information in 23 Moluccan terrorises held

were killed in the train 24 A new Political Honours Politica. Committee Was Franks Scratiny Committee appointed — Lords Shackleton and Carr of Hadley (see clso May 27).

26 The Anglo-American consultative team on a constitusions with Rhodesian officials (see also Sept 1). In Geneva 100 nations

to captured guerrillas. 27 A letter in The Times from Summerskill revived the controversy on Sir. Harold Wilson's Resignation Honours List. 28 A fire in a Kentucky night

club killed 158 people. dead in Bayswater, London. 30 Rhodesian troops p France supplied aircraft to trated over 50 miles fly 1,500 Moroccan troops to Mozambique and killed 32 guerrillas.

16 In Windsor Great Park the the Lower Courts Amendment 31 Mr Ian Smith's Rhodesian the release of 11 terrorists 21st, and was received by cheer-left Queen lit the first of a nation. Act; these effectively replaced Front won an overwhelming held in Germany and two ling crowds (see also 27th), wide chain of Jubilee bonfires. the British trial system. President Mancham of the 20 The Security Council unani-

Seychelles was deposed m a mously recommended Victorian bloodless: coup; Mr Albert for membership of the United Rene assumed the presidency. Nations. 7 A Bank Holiday to celebegan a "walkabout"; the fol-lowing day, 30,000 people received the Queen's Silver Jubilee medal.

8 Tesco, the supermarket chain, discontinued trading stamps, instead, cutting prices by between three and 20 per Commonwealth

Conference opened in London; in their final communious of June 15, the 33 heads government condemned the regime of President Amin. 14 Ine Government sold a 17 per cent holding of British Petroleum worth 1564m.

The Government Was: defeated on amendments to the Finance Bill which had the effect of giving additional tax Storms and floods coused

read damage in south ern England. 15 ln Spain's first election for more than 40 years, Senor Suares: Democratic Centre Union obtained a majority.

Britain withdrew the last two diplomats in Uganda.

A Select Committee on Violence in the Family reported that six children were killed each week in England and Wales and 3,000 severely in iured.

16 Mr Leonid Brezhnev placed Mr Podgorny as President of the USSR. 17 In the Republic of Ireland Mr Liam Cosgrave conceded defeat to Mr Jack Lynch's Fignns Fail.

19 John Neumann, Bishop of canonized.

working with a coalition government succeeded Mr Rebin as Prime Minister of Israel.

deferred until after the end of phase two (July 31).

23 In Soweto, South Africa, a student was shot dead, and two children killed during tiots.

Talks: between the Secretary

of State of Employment and Mr George Ward, managing director of Grunwick's, broke down; more violent cashles between police and some thousands of pickers occurred; on the 28th, in defiance of their union, London postmen banned mail to the company (see also July 11). 26 After 117 years of French

rule, Djibouti became a repub-

The Queen reviewed the 28 The Queen ravi 29 Archbishop Lefebvre ordained 30 priests in defiance Lefebvre of the Pope. Heads of the EEC met in

Trafaigar House Investments Beaverbrook News-

July 1. The South-East Asian Treety

papers for £14m.

(Searo) expired. Brirish Shipbuilders Corpora tion came into operation.

President Carter cancelled B1 ember production. Britain placed a unilateral ban on herring fishing in the

North Sea.

Miss Virginia Wade won the ladies' singles at Wimbledon.

5. In Pakistan, General Muhammad Zia al-Huq overthrew Mr Bhutto's government in a blood-killed in nine months to 13.

less coup.
7. The Royal Commission on the Press reported, recommending safeguards for press freedom and reform of the Press Coun-

Mr Kenneth Drury, a former Scotland Yard tommander, was sentenced to eight years in-COLT UPTION prisonment on charges. 8. In the Saffron Walden by

election, Conservatives held the seat with a swing from Labour of 11.7 per cent. 10. Pakistan's military rulers introduced the Koranic penalty of amputation of the hand for theft.

(ACAS) should be declared void; on July 29, the Court of Appeal reversed the decision (see also Dec 14).
12. Gay News was fined £1,000

and its editor given a suspended prison sentence, after convic-tion of publishing a blasphemous libel. Two British nurses-Miss Pat Ash and Miss Helen Fraser-were awarded the Florence Nightingale Medal for their devotion to duty in Cambodia in

Mr Don Revie resigned as Engiand's football manager; he accepted an offer (reported to be worth £340,00) to organize football for four years for the United Arab Emirates. 13. The first democratic Cortes since the Civil War opened in

Spain.

The TUC rejected pay controls after July 31, but on the 27th voted to abide by the 12month interval on rises.

A 24-bour power failure in New York led to looting and over 4,000 arrests were made. 15 The Chancellor of the Exchequer's statement : increase in chequer's statement: increase in earnings in the next 12 months should be limited to 10 per cent; breaches of that guideline, would bring pendities to com-

The Carter committee report brane the Queen's Silver Jubi on the Post Office recommended lee; the Queen drove in state that it be reorganized into two to St Paul's, and from there parts—the Post Office and the Telecommunications Authority. A majority of the Court of Appeal ruled against the Righ Court's judgment of two years ago, that Showerings could not use the word "champagne" in presenting Babycham.

A record price of £62,000 was paid at Socheby's for a Koraa of 681AH (AD1282). 21 Clashes between Egypt and Libya developed imo wide-spread air and ground battles. The Government accepted the indexing of personal tax allow-ances in line with inflation.

22 In Sri Lanka, Mrs Bandaransike's Preedom Party was routed by the United National Party; Mr J. R. Jayewardene became Prime Minister: before and after the election, looting, rious and arson, causing some deaths, had taken place. Mr John Cordle, MP, Bournemouth East, crinicized by a Commons committee over his connexions with Mr John Poul-

on resigned his seat. 25 British Leyland received a loan of £100m from the NEB, the bulk for developing a new Mini.

Mr. David Robinson gave a further £7.5m to the £10m be had given four years ago to found the Robinson College, Cambridge.

An international court fixed

the division of the West-ern Approaches for Anglo-French oil rights. 26, Unemploy 1,336,700—the Unemployment rose highest since

27. Official and Provisional IRA clashed in Belfast leaving four dead.

The next three years and into

the eighties by the Government and TUC was published. 28. Spain applied to join 29. By eight votes to five, the European Commission of Human Rights decided that the

Government was wrong to restrain (in 1972) The Sunday Times from publishing an article about the idomide; the paper published it on the 31st. An African schoolgiri was the dark by alice in Savens. shot dead by police in Soweto; violence erupted and on Aug L police shor dead

Mr Tom Keating was arrested and charged with conspiracy and criminal deception. 31. One man died and 100 were infured when 20,000 demonstra tors battled with French police on the site of the nuclear reactor at Creys-Malville:

August

1. Lord Ryder resigned as chairman of the NEB and was succeeded by Mr Leslie Murphy. Mr Peter Jay, Economics need for a homeland for the lation—a report by Sir Kenneth need for a homeland for the Berril and his Central Policy Palestinian people."

Washington.

Senora Ibarrari — "La 30. The Queen's first jubilee ments."

Loudon and supported "the lation—a report by Sir Kenneth Berril and his Central Policy Review Staff (the "think "to soldiers were killed by tank") suggested closing at the Provisional IRA in Belfast.

Senora Ibarrari — "La 30. The Queen's first jubilee ments. 3. Review of Overseas Represen-

Archbishop Makarios, President of Cyprus, died; he was, McDonald.

succeeded on the 31st by Mr.

Spyros Kyprianou.

6. Eleven people were killed 27 The Liberal Party stated that when a homb applied in Salt its mact with Labour and a little party stated that when a bomb exploded in Salisbury, Rhodesia; Bishop Muzorewa accused Mr Nkomo's party, Zapu, of being responsible.

8. Ethiopia stated that its con-flict with Somalia in the Ogaden desert was now a full scale war; the Organization of African Unity (OAU) repudited Somali claims to the

killed in nine months to 13.

A Roman Catholic youth was shot dead by a British soldier in Belfast; a revenge killing of a soldier followed; on the 12th, a marine was killed.

10. The Queen made a two-day visit to N Ireland. 13. A National Front march in Lewisham, Loudon brought violent clashes with left-wing elements, in particular, the Socialist Workers Party; at least 78 people were injured and 270 policemen and 202 were arrested; in Birmingham on the 15th the two factions again clashed; police were again injured and a police station was

esieged.
From Thailand came reports of atrocities by Khmer Rouge troops on the border of Cam-bodia.

The British Lions lost the

15. England regained the Ashes. A black political detainee in Africa was found dead in his cell, the second such occurrence n two weeks.
An SS Col Herbert Kappler

(70) escaped from Rome's mili-tary bospital; in consequence an Italian-German summit meet-ing was called off. 16. Heavy storms and floods swept southern England and the Midlands. 18. Labour held Birmingham

Ladywood in the by-election. 20. Sixteen black farm workers were shot dead or burnt by guerrillas near the Rhodesia Mozambique border. 21. The military leader of Ethiopia called for general mobilization; both sides sufgan and Mrs Betty Williams, leaders of the N Ireland Peace

fered heavy casualties in the battle for Dire Dawa. In Lebanon, the first clashes since March between Christians and Muslims left a death roll of 17. 25. The Scarman report on the Grunwick dispute blamed both

sides; it recommended that the company should offer to re-employ any strikers; the com-pany rejected the report. 28. Despite the efforts of the organizers, the Notting Hill, London, carnival was marred by

29. Anglo-American Rhodesia peace negotiators meeting Mr John Vorster in Pretoria, failed to obtain South Africa's supthe Criminal Procedure Bill and port for their proposals.

September

The Government's White Paper for a settlement in Rho-desia nominated Field Marshal Lord Carver as Resident Com-missioner-designate; Mr Smith described the Angio-American proposals "insane".

The World Psychiatric Associstion condemned the Soviet cal college at Oxford. for political purposes.

3. Mr Bhutto, former Prime, the unions, then a referendum Minister of Pakistan was would be held.

arrested in connexion with a The Spanish Government murder in 1974; he was sent to printed amnesty for pulitical annesty.

prison on the 6th; he was activists, released on bail on December 9. Heavy fighting broke out Near Cologne, Dr Hanns- anew in southern Lebanon. and four people killed by ter-rorists; his body was found in eastern France on October 19. heim jail (see also Nov 12). riptic Front said it would fight Among the bequests in the 19. South Africa banned anti-on. will (gross £1,664,000) of Lord apartheid organizations, closed A tomb at Vergina, 40 miles two newspapers and arrested west of Salonika, was identified a charitable fund. between 50 and 70 black fied as that of Philip of 6. Kala-azar (black fever) killed leaders; Mr D. Woods, editor Macedon (336 EC).

7. The USA and Panama signed a new Panama Canal treaty.
8. Ethiopia severed diplomatic relations with Somalia.
Parts of the Criminal Law as part-time chairman of British hooliganism, came into force.
Miss Cynthia Nicholas, a 19year-old Canadian, set a new record for the non-stop two Channel swim—19hrs way Channel swim—19hrs wife were killed by terrorists and control of the Mousetrap celebrated its Somalia.

7. The USA and Panama signed fetched f247,747 at auction in the bans imposed by the bans imposed by the bans imposed by the Test and County Cricket Conference and the Test and County Cricket Board on cricketers under control to Mr Kerry Packer were "unreasonable restraint on trade" and thus void.

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218 political prisoners, including the Mr M. Minajlov was annual tracker and the Test and County Cricket Conference and the Test and the Test and the Test and County Cricket Conference and the Test and the Tes

Amin.

12. Dr Waldheim presented Mr Brezhnev with the UN's peace medal.

Mr Steve Biko. a black leader in S Africa died in detention; on Dec 2, at the inquest, the security rolling media.

on the Civil Service (the first since 1874) recommended that

its powers should be subject to checks. Twelve people were killed when a bus hijacked by guer-rillas exploded near Bulawayo. 17 Dr Conor Cruse O'Brien contended that fewer than half the combined population of N Ire-land and the Republic favoured a united country; he resigned from the Irish Parliamentary Labour Party.

19 A pay claim strike by 9,000 British Leyland workers began.
20 A report by Professor Julius Gould maintained that higher education was under attack by Marxist thinking.

The Taylor committees November (1975) report recommended November Taylor, committee's as a banker. 25 Mr F. Laker's first Skytrain

service to New York began.

26 Seven English paintings against the scheme.

valued at £500,000 were pre 2 The Oueen arr

its pact with Labour was dependent on the Government sup-porting proportional representation on direct elections to the European Parliament (see also Dec 13).

Dec 13).

28 A Japan Air Lines DC-8 was hijacked off Bombey by Japanese Red Army terrorists; at Dacca the 144 hostages were released in return for nine prisoners in Japan and 53.5m.

29 British Leyland received a loan of 150m from the NEB Spain approved the granting of home rule to Catalonia Accounts criticized the waste

of public money rights.

A single borrie of wine— The Scotland and Wales Bills.

Château Lafire, 1806, was sold were published.

at Christie's for £8,300 5. The United States withdrew 30 At Orly airport, Paris, police from the stormed a hijacked Caravalle; Office. a passenger was killed

Soviet vessels were banned limited to criminals; prisoners from fishing in the EEC's North

Sea grounds
Guerrillas murdered a sixmonth-old child in Rhodesia--the third white child in four

October

1 Pele finally retired 4 "Back us or sack us" was the Prime Minister's challenge at the Labour Party conference In Belgrade, 35 nations began The British Lions lost the a review of the Helsinki agreeseries against the All Blacks by
three matches to one.

15. England regained the Ashes. ist Party was shot dead in Dublin 6 The 1977 Nobel Price for

Literature was awarded to Senor Vicente Aleixandre 7 A new Soviet 147-article stitution replaced that of Stalin of 1936

10 Amnesty International was awarded to Miss Mairead Corri-

Movement 11 President Ibrahim al-Hamdi 11 President Ibrahim al-Hamdi Lord Scarman, in a lecture of N Yemen was assassinated, thought that "A Bill of Rights Sir Neville Mott shared the 1s imperative".

Nobel Prize for physics At Wembley, England heat Nobel Prize for physics 12 A record price for a camera | Italy 2-0: the latter heat Beein met in Washington. -£21,000—was paid

policy A memorial commemorating all those who "laid down their lives for Christ and conscience"

during the Reformation was unveiled in Westminster Abbey A Luithansa Boeing 737 en route from Majorca was hiroute from Majorca was his listal; he addressed the the West Bank.
jacked by two men and two Knesset the following day; he
women; their demands were arrived back in Cairo on the

plus \$15m; on the 16th the pilot was murdered at Aden: on the 17th at Mogadishu. German commandos stormed the aircraft and freed the 87

hostages: three of the hijackers were killed (see also 18th and Nov 12). Dr C. H. Green, an American philanthropist gave Elm. towards founding a new medi-

Union for abusing psychiatry 14. Mrs Thatcher stated that if the Conservatives clashed with

Martin Schleyer was kidnapped, 18. Andreas Baader and two of his fellow terrorists committed suicide in their cells in Stamm- of one man, one vote; the Pat-heim jail (see also Nov 12). riotic From said it would fight

executed in Kampala for an Cuban troops were aiding alleged plot egainst President Ethiopia.

tion; on Dec 2 at the inquest, Torus.

the security police were 26 Autumn "Budget": In speed was granted in October, cleared of any blame for his crease in personal allowances; the court had, on two occasions, death—a verdict denounced in \$10 pensioners' Christmas denied that right!

London and Washington.

bonus: disabled aided: in Rhodesia claimed that lust

killed in a clash on the border week of national mourning, between Angola and Namibia. 29. Swan Hunter Tyneside out-The Police Federation fitting workers voted against accepted a 10 per cent pay hovertime, thereby losing 552m

offer and an independent of inquiry into pay. 28 Mr M. Caransa, a Dutch millionaire, was kidnupped in Amsterdam; he was freed for 31 The US, France and Britain

vetoed motions in the UN Security Council to impose conomic and arms sanctions against S Africa; on Nov 4, the Council unanimously imposed mandatory sanctions on the supply of arms.

pre parent-power in schools. 1 In a pix head poll, miners
President Carter's Budget voted against a pix productivity 21 President Carter's Budget voted against a pit productivity Director, Mr Lance, resigned scheme, committing the union following attacks on his conduct to pursue a £135-a-week claim. on Dec 8, the NUM rejected the bullot; on Dec 22 the High Court refused an injunction

> Barbados on Concorde, having travelled 56,000 miles in 13 countries. peaceful nuclear explosions. The Wildenstein collection was bought by a Saudi Arabian for £8.8m, it would be exhibited

in The France which he had bought the previous week for 9.3m. 3. The Queen's speech on opening Parliament; loan assistance to first time home buyers; a revival of inner-urban areas. New rules on mixed marriages

were drawn up by the Roman Catholic Church and other churches. 4. In Belgrade 14 western coun-The Committee of Public tries called on Russia and her accounts criticized the waste allies to recognise human

> from the International Labour India and Baneladesh signed

an agreement after a 25 years

dispute, on sharing the waters of the Ganges. A draft resety proposed that Roman Catholicism would no longer be the state religion in Italy.

9. Tyre in SW Lebanon was bombed by Israeli aircraft; 65

bodies were found. assembly The European Elections Bill (sec also Dec 13). 12 Ingrid Schubert, the sixth member of the Buader-Meinhof

thew Soviet 147-article conitution replaced that of Stalin it. The first official strike by nounced he would relinquish firemen began after their the Labour leadership.

Sharkel Makhouf (1828-1898), claim for a 30 per cent pay in 12 West Germany confirmed Lebanese hermit, was protrease had been refused; 10,000 that more than 1,000 Name of the company force.

10 Amnesty International was was born to Princess Anne, to awarded the 1977 Nobel Peace become the fifth in line to the Prize; that for 1976 was throne.

awarded to Miss Mairead Corri- 16 British Leyland was divided into: Leyland Cars: Truck present.

Special Products: The House of Lords dismissed Leyland International.

at !! Luxembourg on Dec 3 to qualify 17 Inflation drupped to 13 per Christie's for the World Cup cent.

13 President Carter strongly 17. The Egyptian Foreign Mini- 25 Mr Begin mer President condemned the oil companies ster and his deputy resigned Sadat at Ismailia and presented for the destruction of his energy over President Sadat's proposed his peace plan: Israel to with visit to Israel.

> Malaga died in detention in Johanneshurg.
>
> 19. President Sadat arrived in

states of India was reported to have killed 8,000 to 10,000

people. At Funchal in Madeira a TAP Boeing 727 crashed and 130 people were killed.

21. British shipbuilders signed a 1115m order with Poland for 24 cargo ships; on Dec 12, the Government admitted it had given a subsidy of £28m to obtain the order (see also 29th). 22. After two years of legal argument, British, French Concorde began operating London

23. The Commons voted against proportional representation for the Scottish Assembly. 24. Mr. Ian Smith Rhodesia's internal nationalist

groups to an immediate confer-

ence; he accepted the principle

about 4,000 people in eastern of the Daily Dispatch, was Conservatives held Bourne-Ludia.

7. The USA and Panama signed Let Luch by Matisse 25. The High Court found that a new Panama Canal treaty.

he was ready to negotiate with Israel alone; Mr Begin accepted President Sadat's call to a Cairo summir meeting (see also Dec 251. 28. The Court of Appeal upheld the right of an unmarried woman to evict her partner

death—a versus.

London and Washington.

13 In Massachusetts, the police creased holiday allowance.

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14 Reitain had its first trade plot to harm Mr Norman Scott.

15 Pive South African soldiers had been deliberately killed;

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order.
The Home Secretary declared an amnesty for immigrants who had entered the country illeg-ally before Jan 1, 1976.

the Polish shipbuilding

December

1 The Housing (Homeless Persons) Act 1977 came into operation.
South Africa's ruling National

Party achieved an overwhelming majority in the general election. 2 Two reports on the Crown Agents gave details of mis-management involving losses at at least \$200m; on the 5th the Commons voted against a secret inquiry; on the 8th the Prime Minister said that a tribunal, under the Tribunals of Inquiry (Byidence) Act 1921, would be

The TUC urged the firemen to seek a settlement. in Bermuda (the first in 30 Russia offered to suspend years) of two men, one con-euceful nucleor explosions. victed of the murder of the Governor, Sir Richard Sharples in 1973. in 1973.
The leaders of Libya, Algeria,
Traq, South Yemen. Syria and
the Palestine Liberation Organization met in Tripoli to

unify opposition to the Egypt-Israel peace moves; on the 5th President Sudat expelled their ambassadors (except Iraq's). 4 Mr Begin visited London.
A Malaysian Airlines System,
Boeing 737 was hijacked by the
Japanese Red Army en route to Sincapore and crashed in Muloysia, killing all 100 people

on board.

Jean-Bedal Bokassa crowned hinself emperor of the Central African Empire at a cost of £14m. 5 The murder of a farmer by guerrillus in Rhodesia brought the number of white civilians killed there to 115.

6 The second tribul homeland in S Africa, Bophuthatswana came into being.
7 Britain had a surplus on the balance of payments of £5,431m -in nine months more than ever recorded in a full year. Record damages—to a woman psychiatrist against a health authority—of £243.309 were awarded in the High Court. 8 The Socialist Government of Dr M. Soares in Portugal was voted out of office. 9 Miss Rita Nightingale (24) was sentenced to 20 years' im-prisonment in Thailand for attempted drug trafficking. 10 A body in a Cairu saburh was identified as that of David was identified as that of David Holden, chief foreign correspondent of The Sunday Times.

Russian advisers; it also broke 11 After the Fraser Government off diplomatic relations with in Australia was returned to office. Mr Gough Whirles firemen began after their claim for a 20 to the country of the countr

claimed a saint claimed forces dealt confirmed that more than 1.000 Nature men of the armed forces dealt confirmed that more than 1.000 Nature claimed stated that Mr Robert confirmed that fires.

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15. Mr Begin invited President confirmed that Government was described that Mr Robert confirmed that Mr Robert confirmed that more than 1.000 Nature confirmed than 1.000 Nature the European Assembly. 14 The Cairo Conference pnened with representatives of Egypt,

> an appeal by Acas and ruled invalid a recommendation that Grunwick's should recognize Anex. 16 President Cester and Mr.

draw from Sinai, occupied for-Miss Mary Stavins (20) of dan and Gaza strip to have Sweden was elected Miss World. councils, residents to have Mr Bonaventura Sipho choice of citizenship, sovereignity to be left in abevance; President Sadat resterated his objection to Israeli troops on

Jack Lonsdale

# Mr Jenkins will be judged on how he handles changes that are bound to shake the EEC

At the end of his first year as radical than a majority of his from national politics. After institutions has been shown president of the European Commission colleagues will direct elections, the number of during the recent recession. Commission, Mr Roy Jenkins accept—let alone the national such "moonlighters" will be and the degree of policy coorpresident of the European Commission Mr Roy Jenkins probably feels considerably more relaxed than he expected to even a few months ago. final factor working for the fact that on the morrow of Things are starting to go right new Commission—the main direct elections the European for the Commission, even though signs of positive achieve—are beginning to emerge; and powers than it has now—and the control of the contr

success is that he has estab-lished an effective relationship between the Commission and the European Council—the

table current problems, such as national governments, and the unemployment and inflation, elected legislature.

governments. However-and this is the

Greece; and direct elections to the European Parliament.

off to a new start.

Today people are more reconciled to the fact that reform of the Community institutions is going to be a long; and tortuous task, and that there is not much the Community as such can do about some of Europe's more intractable current applicants and the community as a such can do about some of Europe's more intractable current applicants.

unemployment and inflation. There is a greater air of realism about in Brussels.

At the same time, the recovery of the British and Italian economies has taken at least some of the strain out of EEC policymaking, and has helped to induce a calmer atmosphere. The question now is how the Community can profit from this turnaround, and on that there is as yet no consensus. Roy Jenkins's own ideas in this field are more in the time they can spare the strength of the European affairs which most continued and on the time they can spare the strength of the European in the time they can spare the strength of the European objective. At the same time, the strength of the European the time they can spare the strength of the European the strength of the strength of the European the strength of th

very few.)
But this does not alter the

ment are still few and far it is on these that any new these powers are very few. The between.

Parliament has no The two outstanding new power to initiate or approve issues are the prospective legislation. It has limited authenlargement of the EEC to ority over a part of Comtake in Spain, Portugal and munity expenditure—but none, for example, over by far the

between the Commission and the European Council—the thrice-yearly summit meeting of heads of government of the Mine. The European Council the European Parliament.

The European Council—the European Parliament.

The European Council the European Council has just concluded, under the presidency of Belgium (the most efficiently "European" of all EEC member states), an unusually productive meeting, which actually took some useful decisions—on the budget, the size of the regional fund, and in approving the Commission, and the balance of power. A throughoing examination of the verticing in expectations over the past year. His initial difficulties in Brussels were partly due to sheer lack of understanding of the workings of the peculiar administrative machine—e defect which has now largely been rectified; and partly because he was unsyledy been rectified; and partly b

in a peaceful, orderly and effective way.

In short, a Community with a directly elected parliament is going to be a very different entity from the present one. So it is no longer a question of arguing whether there should or should not be changes. If the premises of enlargement and direct elections are accepted, change will come anyway. The only questions are how it should be bandled, and what kind of Community one should be aiming for.



between member states is increasing steadily.

The development of harmonization and supra-national decision-making has varied greatly, depending on the relevance of the issues to national governments, and the degree of opposition by entrenched national interests. So what is emerging is a loose functional confederation,

in which member states retain considerable autonomy, but accept the commitment to abide by the rules of the club and to take into account fellow-members' needs when framing policies; a confedera-tion in which in some areas, tion in which in some areas, but by no means in all, the main focus of decision-making has passed from national to supra-national level. Such a structure is likely to prove durable so long as it remains flexible, and the frontiers of national sovereignty are likely to change with changing pressures and circumstances.

But it this pragmatic evolutionary process is to continue, there has to be more effective planning at the centre to try planning at the centre to try
to anticipate the critical issues,
and to suggest ways in which
they might be defused. For
what is clear is that the
Community is moving daily
more deeply into territory
where the Treaty of Rome
gives little guidance, and
where new insights are needed where new insights are needed.

In default of a European
"Brookings"—and one hopes
very much that some such
independent but authoritative
European "think-tank" will be in operation before long-such in operation before long—such forwird planning can only effectively be done at EEC level by the Commission. Now that Mr Jenkins and his team have settled in, and the crisis atmosphere of the post few years shows signs of simmering down it is extremely imposyears snows signs or simmering down, it is extremely important that they should concentrate on establishing the structures, and laying down the guidelines, whereby Europe can begin for the first time to plan its future. It is on this, in the last analysis, that history will judge them.

Michael Shanks For lack of private discipline

# Why the world of Elizabeth I was not so unlike our own

The jubilee this year has not provoked the parallel of a new Elizabethan age that was such a platitude 25 years ago. Perhaps it seems so obvious that there can be no real comparison between our present state of declining influence and self-confidence with the virile and expansionist England of Gloriana, Drake, Raleigh and Shakespeare. The first Elizabethans, as we all know from infancy, were full of creativity and achievement, and had little

in common with us in mood. Or did they? Perhaps a few words from the old Eliza-bethans—not entirely selected out of context-may suggest that both Elizabethan ages have much in common-certainly in sharing the traditional English self-depreciation and idoliza-tion of the past.

The justice Ralph Rokeby is one of numerous Elizabethans who sounded like a disgruntled correspondent to the Daily Telegraph: "In these our times", he wrote, "honest be-haviour and fair conditions are so far gone to decay, that the old man's proverb . . is verified. Oh! it is not now as fied. 'Oh! it is not now as it was in times past when we were young men!'" A government committee considering legislation s little earlier, in 1559, could have been voicing the law and order arguments of four centuries later: men could only be made better by fear of punishment, for "by the looseness of the times no other remedy is left but by awe of remedy is left but by awe of law to acquaint men with vir-Pessimistic voices from the

ressimistic voices from the sarly days, before the glories of the reign had produced optimism? But the queen herself, at the end of her life, could hook bark nostalgically to the simpler, violent but straightforward middle ages:

In these days force and straightforward middle ages: "In those days force and army did prevail, but now the wit of the fox is everywhere on foot, so as hardly a faithful and virtuous man may be found". There was general agreement on one main cause of the looseness of the times" -lack of discipline, especially among the young. Black Paper philosophies were common proprilosophies were common pro-perty even among men now thought of as radical. Was it not the early Protestant Bishop Latimer who "never saw, surely, so little discipline as is nowadays"? "Alas", he cried, "where is this discipline now in England? "The queen's

A generation later the complaints had not lessened. An epitaph to a York couple (1599) could record baildy that their 16 children were "not bad, as children now are, but all good"; and as for adolescents, there is the shepherd's wish in The Winter's Tale that "there were no age between ten and three and twenty... for there is nothing in the between but getting weaches with child, wronging the ancientry, stealing, fightnow in England . The queen's own tutor, Roger Ascham, is remembered for his progressive The Schoolmaster, which urged gentle and pleasurable instruction, but if too looked back to a golden age which only firm teaching could respore. For jock of private discipline the ancientry, stealing, fighting ...".
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Elizabeth I: her inspiration gave birth to a legend.

gone, bashfulness is banished, much presumption in youth, small authority in age, rever-ence is neglected, duties be con-founded". His patron and the queen's chief minister, Burgh-ley, agreed with the diagnosis and differed only in putring the blame on percuts more than schooling: "the unthrifty looseness of youth in this age was the parents' fault, who made them men seven years too soou, baving but children's

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deed, attracted their usual share of grotesquely exasgerated. comment. The First Book of Homilies, familiar to all Elizabethans from regular readings in church, declared boldly that "above other vices the outrageous seas of adultery... whoredom, fornication, and uncleauness have... overflowed almost the whole world". The protesters of the Festival of Light seem pailid beside a figure like Cartwright, Professor of Divinity at Cambridge, who wished to enforce the Old Testament death penalties for edultery and blasphemy; and Mrs Whitehouse might blush at the sweeping condemnation of pernicious influences like the theatre that, it seems, created the first Elizabethan pernistive society. Do not plays, asked Philip Stubbes, "induce whoredom and uncleanness? Nay, are they not rather plain devourers of maidenly virtue and chastity?" His kindred spirit, the preacher Thomas White, has

carned immortality for his syllogism. The cause of plagues is sin and the cause of on are player therefore the cause of plagues are played. And what of provocative femile -mons and unises decemeracy "Such staring attire", write another elergyman, William Harrison, "as in times past was supposed much for none but gant bookeriers only it now become a helit for chaste and sober matrous. I have met wirt come of these trolls in London so disguised that it hath people my still to discorn whether this were men or women "

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Immigrants were blamed for parive unentologment, and if they were European and not New Comprehence the honory spoke with the same account. Aliens here have titch was a satirical post declared as early as Henry VIII's time, "and Englishmen clean decay." And Englishmen clean decay." And there was that perennal grave ance of the weather—perhaps with some justice in some later years of Elizabeth, when crops failed disastrously. "Our years are turned upside down", preached. John King in 1595. "Our summers are no summers, our harvests are no harvests." our harvests are no harvests.' And the moral climate wa deteriorating in sympathy, if the old men with long memories could be trusted. John Stow, looking back to the good old days before the Reformation, spoke of the present time (1598) as "the most scotting, respectless and unthankful age that ever was ".

Yet many men were to back from the troubles of Stuart kings and their Parliaments to see Elizabeth's as the golden age they had lost. Plus ça change. . . . If there is a moral anywhere here, it is surely that we judge ourselves much more strictly than our descendents will. And those tedious jeremiads by "the idiot who praises with enthusiastic tone, all centuries but this and street course. turies but this and every country but his own", need to be taken with more than a grain of sair.

David Palliser

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## Bernard Levin

# Wanted, some impeccable tales of Kai Lung

I quoted Kai Lung the other day and was met by a look in which there was no glimmer of recognition. Yet surely I cannot be the last among the living to remember, and indeed lutely all that was known to read still, that enchanting about him; only Junius, the and unique series of books? I Traven seem to slude identifications to have only three on appear to have only three on my shelves-Kai Lung Unrolls His Mat, The Wallet of Kai Lung and Kal Lung's Golden hours-so no doubt my proselvizing fervour has led me, over the years, to thrust other volumes into the hands of potential converts, for there then briefly. were several more collections of the tales, and I collected them all assiduously. (If the procelytizing worked, let the sciences, for if they are now of the company of the blessed, I boar them no grudge for their

depredations.)

The Kui Lung stories were written by a man whose penname was Ernest Bramah, the surname being an adaptation from the immensity of manuscript and other literature. of his mother's maiden name; he was really Ernest Bramah Smith. And he kept bimself so entirely and fanatically out of the limelight that, until an researches in England, he was

Book Collector in 1966, his name, together with the fact that he died in 1942, was absocarion more thoroughly. His very Who's Who entry listed nothing but the titles of his books-not even his year of birth was recorded-and his publishers and literary agents used to declare that they had met him only a handful of times in several decades, and

in the author by acquiring an addiction to the books, and

or two. It seems that Smith-Bramah was born in 1868, tried farming without success, then moved into journalism; that it is possible to trace his life and movements in some detail (for instance, he went to Manchester Grammar School) from his early childhood until 1897, when he was 29; and that for the remaining 45 years of his life he vanishes as completely as Villon when he got his head out of the hangman's noose for the last time.

The books remain. And they offer a particular kind of delight that has now yanished—I think entirely— William White, in the article I have mentioned, explains that he first became interested from our literature. Some of the ingredients still exist: his beautifully-tailored style, for instance—reminiscent of a more robust Logan Pearsall-Smith, a less cruel Evelyn Waugh, an unrumbustious Wodehouse—together with his delightful wir (the barb so carefully concealed that it only begins to sting some time after it has been withdrawn), his fantastic and apparently effort-less imagery, and his almost imperceptible yet very strewd philosophical stance.

These are all rare enough today, and the combination of them is rarer still, but what

American enthusiast, William able to piece together about as Bramah added when all those White, published an article much biographical material as strands were woven together about him in The American would cover a matchbox-label were two things now wholly missing from even the best literary work: he never raised his voice, and he never bur-Those who have followed me so far without managing to dis-

contents or substance of the books I am writing about may be forgiven if they conclude through clenched teeth that ing today who also never hur-ries. But the truth is that the art of Ernest Bramah, at any the also wrote a series about a hind detective called Max Carrados, and for that matter a work called A Guide to the Varieties and Rarity of English Regal Copper Coins: Charles II—Victoria) is so elusive that it is very difficult indeed to encapsulate for those to whom it is unknown. it is upknown. The tales are recounted by

an itinerant. Chinese story-teller, Kai Lung, and some-thing of the flavour of the works can perhaps be gathered by quoting his own description of himself and his trade, couched in that curious selfcouched in that curious self-deprecatory style that is sup-posed to be (or to have been) the hallmark of the Chinese: My unbecoming name is Kai,

to which has been added that of Lung. By profession I am an incapable relater of am an incapable relater or imagined teles, and to this end I spread my mat wherever my uplified voice can entice together a company to discen. Should my feeble efforts be deemed worthy of reward, those who stand around mey perchance rousewhere in my scenary.

contribute to my scanty store, but sometimes this is judged superfluous. The tales themselves usually set in a context: that is, they are not simply a string of stories but are told for a particular reason, generally to get the story-teller out of some difficulty or danger. Indeed, in the most sustained of the books, Kai Lung's Golden Hours, which is almost a novel, every one of the tales is nar-

rated in order to postnome his own execution from day to day, ranber like Scheherezade, and at the end he manages to turn the tables entirely on his unjust accuser. The stories are strewn with mock-Chinese images, rubrics and proverbs—"It is a mark of insincerity of purpose to seek for the Emperor in the low-class teashops", "He who is compelled to share a cavern with a niger learns to stroke far in the right direction", "In shallow water dragons become the laughing-stock of strings"—each of which is delicately but perfectly fitted to the particular use made of it, the analogy it is designed to point up. And he can provide the seesaw with two ends: "Of the Mandarin himself

those who know speak with vague lips. What is done is done by the pressing hand of one Ming-shu, who takes down his spoken word; of whom it is truly said that he bears little resemblance to a angel. "Yet" protested the story-teller hopefully, "it is wisely written, "He who never opens his mouth in

eyes in peace."
Doubtless , assented other. "He can close eyes assuredly. Whether he will ever again open them is

Even from those few exam-ples I think that the gentle rhythm of the prose can be felt, but what cannot be con-veyed by brief citations is the very crisp attitudes he held. To call them moral would be to risk overloading his fragile sampan, but they are: humble righteousness (which Kai Lung represents) is invariably vic-torious, and the stories them-

are shot through with a mock-cynicism that is full of relish, generally show the grasping and the oppressive cast down. But whether Bramah is pointing some simple truth, or merely spinning his perfumed web, he is full of a rinkling wir that keeps the reader with a perpetual smile of pleasure on his face. Try another sample, this one from a conversation between a youth reluctant to embark on marrimony and his grandfather urging him to it:

"Is there not one Ning of the worthy line of Lo, dwel-ling beneath the emblem of a Sprouring Aloe?"
"Truly", agreed the youth;
"but at an early age she came under the malign influence of a spectral vampire, and in order to deceive the creature she was adopted to the navigable portion of the river here, and being an-nounced as having Passed Above was henceforth re-garded as a red muller."
"Yet in what detail does that deter you?" inquired Chang, for the nature of his grand-son's expression betrayed an acute absence of enthu-siasta towards the maiden thus concerned. "Perchance the vampire was not deceived after all. In any case this person dislikes red

mullet " replied the youth indifferently. Bramah can be serious, though still always within the intricate framework of the convention he uses : there is one fine tale, for insuance, which is really a horror-story, and several of martial valour and several of martial valour and the like, though in those too he does not fall to draw his firm conclusions, in which courage and loyalty are held up as qualities to be desired. (He does not, however, lose sympathy with Shweik-like malingerers, of whom he provides a richly-filled gallery.)

As I have suggested, it is rare for me to find a fellow-enthusiast for these confec-tions, though I am in good company in my taste for them; among his admirers have been Belloc, John have been Belloc, John Buchan, Gissing Bret Harte, George Moore, Quiller-Couch, Shaw, Dorothy Sayers, and Israel Zangwill. I do not even know whether any of his books are in print; but if there is any Kai Lungian bookseller reading this column, let him take it as an order for copies, in good condition, of The Moon of Much Gladness, The Mirror of Kong Ho, and Kai Lung Beneath the Mulberry-Tree. C Times Newspapers Ltd, 1927.

# THE TIMES DIARY/PHS

#### Food, glorious food-and the long wait ends

Having listened for more years than I care to remember to the workhouse boys from Oliver! valuely sighing for food glorious food. I felt distinctly relieved on Wednesday night to watch them tucking into a feast.

Not only that, but unlike
Dickens's pathetic original, they asked for more—and were given Lionel Bart's lyrics inspired

the menu: hot sausage and mustard, cold jelly and custard, pease pudding and saveloys, peaches and cream. The "great big steek" emerged as beef cassero'e, but I heard not a single complaint. Oliver! has taken up resi-

dence in London, at the Albery, after a riproaring provincial tour. For Wednesday night's after-the-show gourmandizing, cast and guests erupted on to the stage from the auditorium.

Dodging the midnight saveloy all hot under the collar about nunchers, I managed to have a word with Mr Bart himself-He is now solvent once again and looks it. He is acting as department store. It means, consultant on the present simply, With Other Goods.

revival of Oliver! and still seems confident that Quasimodo. his musical version of the Hugo novel which has been an on-offon-off idea since the early Sixties, will open in London some time next year. He would not reveal his choice for the role of the hunchback.

I liked the way he summed up the essential difference between Oliver 1 and Quasimodo. "Oliver's basic theme is: What is Love? Quasimodo's theme will be: What is ugliness?"

An hour earlier I had watched a spotlight smite Mr Eart as he stood up in the stalls to acknowledge the roars of the first-night audience. It that stopped just short of bysteria.

Memories stirred . . . the night now almost historic, in the same theatre (though it was then The New) when Oliver! took its bow in the West End. Could it really be as long ago as June 30, 1960 ?

I hope nobody is going to get the column marked WOG on invoices from Heal's, the

#### Strong counter attack in defence of the gnome I have called down on my head the wrath of

gnome-lovers because of my less than ecstatic reception of the news that a Gnome Club of Great Britain is being planned. I am accused of being unfeeling, unimaginative, pompous and insulting. That final charge worries me the most. It implies that there really could be such things as gnomes, and the dread inference I draw from that sentiment is that the projected club might become a reality after all.

A milder reproof, in the form of a shrewdly timed PR exercise, comes from New English Library. They have sent me a copy of a sumptuously produced book called Gnomes which strikes me as being the ultimate in leg-

pulls.

Wil Huygen's text on the life style of the enome is straightfaced and affectionate and the many colour illustrations by Rien Poortvliet

their heads in shame at their own unde

My only fear is that the book makes out such a convincing case for the existence of the gnome that the more incensed of my critics will send me a copy of it, bearing some such legend as " Boo sucks : now try saying there aren't such

To save him (or her) the expense, I refer him/her to an editorial note on the jacket. It refers, without ambiguity, to "made-up-

And if he/she lives in Greater London, which seems likely from the posmark, I would refer him/her to the map in the book which shows that there are no gnome colonies in the area and that his/her report of sightings is probably the result of drinking too much mead dew, a beverage to which the book says the gnome is

#### Some do's and don'ts for America's Everyman

Thorough and thoughtful as always, the United States Air Force has provided British journalists visiting Berlin with document entitled Customs in Germany. It contains advice for newly arrived servicemen.

It tells them, for example, about attitudes: "Unfortunately, the typical American in the eyes of many Europeans is still 'rich, rowdy, loud, impolite, boastful, and impatient'.

States'. Also be aware of sensitivities concerning past history. "What is most useful, I suspect, is the explanation of the natives' habits. "When Germans

about the United States and the American way of life. Answer questions frankly and do not always add or boast of course everything is better in the States'. Also be aware of sensi-

"You may be asked questions eat, the fork is held in the left hand and the knife in the right, cutting each bite just before eating it. The food is carried with fork in the left hand. "Also, when eating food which needs no cutting, the hand not in use is put on the table next to the plate, contrary to the American custom of placing it on the lap. A special fish knife is used when eating

# elle's just been checking Callaghan's New Year's



" Park with your bonnets facing the fence", says a car park. sign, obviously aimed at the ladies, on the Culloden battle

# When K stands for compromise

Knoedler's, the famous old firm of New York art dealers, taken over by the oil magnate Armand Hammer in 1970, is reanimat-ing its London branch in New Bond Street. The New York gallery's new

managing director, Lawrence Rubin, has persuaded John Kasmin to form an equal parmership called Knoedler Kasmin Ltd and run the gallery in revamped premises at Savory and Moore House contains and Moore House, opposite Sotheby's

The lively and much liked Mr Kasmin had his own gallery near Archbishop Serapheim, the by in Bond Street from 1963 Orthodox Primate of Greece, to 1972, where he showed such artists as David Hockney, whom he still represents, and leading American abstract painters like Frank Stella, the subject of his opening exhibition with Knoed-

After closing the Kasmin Gallery he dealt for five years from first floor premises in Clifford Street. His old partner, Lord Dufferin and Ava is remaining with him.

By the time Mr Hammer took

over Knoedler's, it had lost a good deal of the reflected glory of its heyday, when it helped build most of the big American

collections of old masters and Impressionists.
As for Mr Kasmin, he will have a free hand in London, plus a good deal of security. The only thing he could not change was the gallery's name He has compromised by putting up a board outside with a large

A ballpoint pen on sale at a London comprehensive school bears the legend: Rockeby Comperhensive.

#### Why the eagle had to go

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was obliged to change com-pletely the design of his personal standard—a black, byzau-tine double-headed eagle ser against a yellow-gold back-ground-when he found that it looked very much like the emblem of a well-known foot ball team.

It appears that every time he drove past in his lineousine with his flag flying, the team's supporters would cheer or hur abuse, depending on the team's performance in their last march. The new standard carries the byzantine monogram of Jesus X with a superimposed P.

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# A NEW MAN AT THE FED

During his eight years as consistently overshot the growth Federal Reserve Board Dr Arthur Burns has become a symbol of financial rectitude at bome and abroad. He has been a fearless champion of the use of monetary policy in the battle against inflation and has fought to preserve the independence of the Fed from the executive branch of government.

The existence of a strong and independent central bank makes the pursuit of a non-inflationary monetary policy both easier and more likely. It acts as a brake on the typically more freelyspending government, and ensures that monetary as well as fiscal objectives are considered in the formulation of economic policy. It is to be hoped that Dr Burns will remain on the board of governors of the Federal Reserve System and continue to make a strong contribution to American monetary policy. However, the position of the Frd on the key issues now facing America will depend on his successor, Mr G. William Miller.

The Federal Reserve Board has been at the centre of recent controversy over whether there is a need for more government action to stimulate expansion in America. It has been severely criticized by the American Congress for following an over-restrictive credit policy and for counteracting fiscal stimulus with monetary tightness. In fact the money supply this year has

Chairman of the American targets set by the Fed, although in West Germany.

Despite his reputation as a

financial conservative Dr Burns waited for some time before raising interest rates in an attempt to curb the excessive money growth. The two point rise in the autumn, while attacked by expansionists in Congress and obliquely by the Administration itself, was no more than was consistent with the faster growing economy. The problem for next year is how to maintain the growth in America, which has been so much greater this year than in the rest of the industrialized world, without tipping the balance towards faster inflation.

President Carter has made clear his intention to administer a fiscal stimulus to the economy through tax cuts in the spring. He believes that the danger of renewed recession now outweighs that of a resurgence in inflation. There are increasing signs that world growth, which has been much less than hoped and indeed expected this year, will be even more disappointing next. The possibility of slump in 1978 is a real one. In this context the willingness of America to lead all the other industrialized nations must be welcomed. It is, however, essential that a firm grip on the money supply is maintained in the United States as elsewhere. Mr Miller's role will thus be

His views are not yet known

to the public. As the President's own appointment he is likely to by no more than for example be more sympathetic to the aims of the White House than was Dr Burns. It has been thought in Washington that the present Chairman is very doubtful about the need for considerable further stimulus. Mr Miller has spoken about the need to combat unemployment and inflation together, and to coordinate monetary and fiscal policy to this end.

> Although Mr Miller is not expected to oppose the thrust of the President's measures to stimulate the economy it is to be hoped that he will use his position to ensure that growth is non-inflationary. A larger final deficit need not finance further inflation if the money supply is kept under firm con-trol. The use of fiscal deficits to combat the present failure of the industrialized world to grow is winning new advocates. The huge balance of payments surpluses of the oil exporting nations have been a drag on the world growth. To some extent the fiscal deficits in the major countries are the counterpart to this. A monetary policy which combined with fiscal policy to keep inflation under control while effectively attacking unemployment would be fine if it were feasible. It may prove, however, that the only monetary policy which controls inflation is one which slows growth through its effect on interest rates. If so, Mr Miller will have to fight hard for monetary control.

#### NO MORE TO BE GOT OUT OF IT

It is seldom that a group of workers goes on strike with such a sense of rectitude as the firemen have shown. The quite exceptional eagerness of ordinary union members to justify their position to the press and the public indicates that the cypical or apathetic spirit in which so many strikers in other industries obey the call to come out has little place in this dis-pute. When the delegate meeting of the Fire Brigades Union called the strike last month, many of those voting must have imagined that the action would be brief, or that the Government would capitulate merely under the threat of it; fire stations have in effect been manned throughout the strike by pickets ready to act whenever life is in danger.

David Pallise

This very conviction of right ness, together with a lack of familiarity with the hard reali-ties of industrial power politics, has caused the strikers to persist in their action with a determination that would be admirable in other contexts. It is no small thing to endure seven weeks without strike pay, and it is bitter to face the possibility of

defeat after so long. But yesterday's long meeting of the FBU executive showed that divisions in the union are becoming sharper, even though the executive failed in the end to accept the logic of the situation that confronts it. Only a second delegate conference has power to end the strike before its objects have been fully achieved. The execu-tive should have called a delegate conference and made a firm recommendation that it should endorse a return to work.

The terms offered three weeks ago already concede the main point that the union sought to establish. They offer guarantees of a permanent improvement in long-term status which were not on offer at the outset of the strike and which many other groups of workers would grasp at eagerly. A fireman's pay would be related to the move-ment of average earnings in such a way that it would rise over the next two years to parity with the average earnings of skilled workers (those in the top quarter of the industrial league) from their current level close to the average of all workers in industry. Pay would be maintained thereafter at the same relative level. But the firemen still insist on

30 per cent now, instead of the 10 per cent offered. Everything that has happened during the strike has made it seem less likely that they have any hope of getting it. The TUC general council has rejected an invitation to intervene. Most important; the local authority manual workers, who were originally demanding 30 per cent or more. have settled for 10. Some of the union leaders involved made it clear then that they would be back for more if their employers made settlements elsewhere in breach of the Government's guidelines. Not only the Government, but also an increasing number of workers, have good reason to oppose the general assault on the 10 per cent rule that the firemen hope to stir up. There is far too much at stake now for them to be allowed to win that point. Carrying on a hopeless battle can only do lasting harm to the fire service and prolong the public danger, to no realistic end.

## PUTTING THE TEST TO THE TEST

For its latest test of the MoT vehicle safety test, Drive, the magazine of the Automobile Association, bought an old banger and trailed it round the garages of England and Wales. No one passed it, but there was wide inconsistency in the identification of its defects and the severity with which they were condemned. To this Mr Arthur Johnson, the chairman of the Agents Association's technical panel, has replied: "If I went to a number of doctors, dentists or solicitors with a problem, Pd end up with different views and advice. It

all boils down to interpretation.' Mr Johnson puts his finger on the most important point of the case against him. Medical, dental and legal advice is taken from people in whose training, competence and professional honesty a reasonable measure of confidence can be placed. Not so, it has to be said, with garage mechanics-not, that is to say, the same measure of confidence. Yet they are empowered to grant or withhold the test statute certificate which requires and to order (subject. o appeal) repairs to be done as in condition of issuing a outificate. It is a responsibility ew easily abused, either illigently by careless inspec-n, or venally by taking bribes

Complaints come from more than, one direction, from those who say that the testing is not rigorous and reliable enough and therefore does not make its proper contribution to road safety, and from those who think that the garage trade exploits the statutory rules to take advantage of them. The com-plaints mount as the bureaucracic momentum gathers: aş the tests become more elaborate, more expensive, and more tenuously connected with the avoidance of accidents (exhaust

pipes? windscreen washers?). The whole system as it has grown up is ripe for thorough cost-benefit analysis. There is a difficulty, however, which is not just that of putting a money value on the kind of benefits looked for; the difficulty is to track down the benefits at all. It may seem self-evident that a mechanically defective car is more likely to cause an accident over a given milage than a car free of those defects, and that the difference of probability is significant enough to justify the measures which have been introduced. But it would be just as well to have confirmation of that belief from the systematic study of road accidents.

Such study as has been done is not as conclusive as might be expected. Between 1970 and 1974 the Road Research Labora-

tory looked into some 2,000 accidents in Berkshire, that was before MoT testing was enlarged in scope and supposedly tightened up. In only 8 per cent were vehicle defects found to be a main contributory factor, and in two thirds of that number it was the tyres or brakes which were at fault. This should be compared with the official estimate that "deficiencies of the · road environment " largely responsible for 28 per cent of accidents, and that human error contributes to 95 per cent.

The comparison at least makes it relevant to ask whether the money and resources employed in the attempt to enforce general standards of vehicle maintenance could not be more effectively employed within a programme for the prevention of road accidents. Three years ago the Minister of Transport concluded that the benefits to be expected from an improvement of the testing system would be small, and would not justify either the public cost of setting up government testing stations or the direct cost to motorists of largely extending the scope of the test. There was missing from his statement any assurance that, by the same criteria, the testing system as it had then established itself yielded benefits that outweighed its costs.

#### rewer immigrants

From Mr Jan Martin Sir, Three major factors he behind the fall in the numbers of immigrants admitted for settlement in the third quarter of this year which you report today (December

. profiting from unnecessary

The fall of 52 per cent in the ion of British citizens reflects the fact that very few youchers are now being taken up in East Africa and the fall is continuing: in the first nine months of this year only 1,499 vouchers were issued towards an aunounced quota of 5,000. Despite this British Citizens in India, almost all of whom went there from East Africa in desperation when the quota pretented them from entering Britain, must still wait three years for vouchers. Why has the Government failed to reallocate unused vouchers to reduce this waiting period?

The fall of 30 per cent in the admission of Bangladeshis reflects dramatic rise in the proportion of applications refused, which was 10 per cent of applications pro-cessed in early 1976, and had leapt to 39 per cent in the second quarter of this year. It would be highly implausible to assert that such a dramatic increase reflected changing proportions of genuine and bogus applications. The truth is, as Mr Alex Lyon, MP, told the Select Committee on race relations and immigration, that since his dismissal "the officials have now them is into their heads in do taken it into their heads to do exactly as they want in the sub-

The fall of 53 per cent in admis-sions of Indian citizens, however, does reflect the small number of applications now being made in India by dependants, other than newly-married spouses. It is thus early confirmation of the falsity of the conclusions of the Hawley

report that immigration from the Indian sub-continent would not decrease substantially when current applications from wives and children had been processed.

The belated attempts to clear the backing of applications by wives and children in Pakistan, reflected in an increase in their admission, are to be welcomed. But the Home Secretary ought not this Christmas to be congratulating himself, as I suspect he is, on fulling ammeration. He ought to be feeling thoroughly ashamed at the hard-ship of divided Bangladeshi famiand excluded British citizens in India at whose expense it has been brought about.

Yours succeedly, IAN MARTIN, General Secretary, Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants, 44 Theobalds Road, WCL December 22.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Pay and pensions in Civil Service

From Lord Orr-Ewing From Lord Orr-Eaving
Sir, For more than three years there has been pressure in both Houses of Parliament for a more open and objective way of calculating pay and pensions in the Civil Service, so that they are comparable with industry. On November 18 (without much publicity or subsequent press comment), the Lord Privy Seal announced a new arrangement for supervising the Pay ment for supervising the Pay Research Unit.

Many of us have been pressing for a reconstitution of this unit, with an independent chairman and at least helf the members coming from outside the Civil Service. It has been argued for several years that the value of virtual "unsackability", fully indexed pensions and other advantages, were worth more than the 12 per cent reduction in salaries which was subtracted from Civil Service pay to give compara-bility with the private sector.

hility with the private sector.

The Government have remined 100 per cent Civil Service manning of the PRU. The "independent" viewpoint will be put by a new body to be (confusingly) called the Pay Research Unit Board. This is a board which will meer only as required. The Director of the PRU will be an ex officio member of this supervisory board. The chairman and all the members are, it seems, to be appointed by the Prime Minister from outside the Civil Service.

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from outside the Civil Service.

Enormous sums are at stake, and if justice is seen to be done, it would be infinitely more satisfactory if the independent members sut on the PRU, where the data is collected and the detail work done.

Comparability is an extremely difficult job, and can only be carried out by those thoroughly well versed and with long experience in the pay and pension field. It is to my mind essential that the Institute of Actuaries should be brought into the picture when mathematical the picture when mathematical foruntiae and assumptions have to be made. It should not be left in the hands of the Government Acturies Department, who, once again,

are civil servants.

Finally, the Government announce that new procedures are not to come into effect until 1979 (or 1980 in the case of scientists). The PRU has been in suspense since July, 1975. Why not reconvene it now and include a majority of independent of the process of the pro deat members, so that a more objective comparability can be built into the increases to be given at the end of 1978?

Yours faithfully, IAN ORR-EWING. House of Lords. December 27.

#### Reform of Parliament

From Mr Richard Luce, MP for Shoreham (Conservative) Sincenam (Conservative)
Sir, Sir William Hayter, in his letter of December 28, is both deleatist and uninformed about Parliament. This is most uncharacteristic of him. Invitation at Parliament's recent vote on the European elections is no excuse in the sweeping condemnation that follows:

I believe that there is an urgent need to strengthen the legislature politicians feel the same. The Select Committee on Procedure has been established to review all the procedures of the House of Commons centres of the house of Commons and is due to report sometime in 1978. Sir William is therefore unjustified in stating that "no one can force a reforming committee on a sovereign Parliament". The House of Commons set up such a cummittee in 1976.

Rather than suggest that such a problem is "insoluble", Sir William should submit his views to the Select Committee as to how the House of Commons should be reformed. RICHARD LUCE, House of Commons December 2s.

#### Price of Scotch abroad

From Dr R. Cianfanelli. Sir. As a citizen of Italy, for many years one of the world's top convinced anglophile and European, must point out that the sad story of Mr. Johnnie Walker (red label) being forced into exile by those naughty EEC bureaucrats is reported rather unfairly in this

As every traveller will confirm, a As every traveller will contirm, a bottle of good Scotch whisky can be bought in any Rome or Milan supermarker at around £2.40 while in London or even in Edinburgh the identical bottle costs over £4. This difference is entirely due to high taxation of spirits (and wines) in the UK. It is not surprising, therefore, that Mr Johnnie Walker chose to become a tax exile. to become a tax exile. Yours sincerely, RENZO CIANFANELLI, 8 North End, NW3. December 22.

#### National Land Fund From Mrs Ruth Coluct

Sir, The House of Commons Select Committee on Public Expenditure may, it seems, recommend the allocation of the remaining part of the National Land Fund to a new national héritage council or commission empowered to use it to retain in Britain treasures liable to be exported. Admirable as this purpose may be, the very name "Land Fund" surely implies that some of it be spent on treasured landscapes: though not exportable, their natural beauty, their value as the habitat of flora and fauna and their accessibility to the public are at risk from modern agro-business. All the British soldiers, sailors

and airmen who gave their the war gave them for their Native Land; so it is fitting that a fund established as their memorial should safeguard the original laudscapes as well as paintings of them.
To quote Gerard Manley Hopkins:
"After cowers cannot guess the beauty been." Yours faithfully. RUTH COLYER,

Orchardene, Shillingstone, Rlandford. Dorset.

# A transition period for Palestinians

From Lord Caradon

Sir, In recent years I have many times travelled through the towns and villages of the West Bank, and and villages of the West Bank, and hatened in many meetings to the views of the Palestinians. They are of one mind in their hope for a state—small it is true but their own—in which they can take their own decisions, elect their own leaders and run their own

They have told me, moreover, that they dearly long for a period of freedom and transition—say two or treedom and granston—say two
years—in which they can again
engage in political discussion and
decide their own fate and plan their
own future. And they are determined to live in close association
and cooperation with Jordan and
with all their neighbours.
This idea of a period of construc-

This idea of a period of construc-tive transition may provide a way out of the impasse in the present discussions on the Palestinian issue between Egypt and Israel.

How would it he for the area in dispute to be placed under international trusteeship for a period of two years during which time a boundary commission would hear both sides and make recommendations as to the border between them,

the Palestinians would prepare their own constitution and elect their own government, and international guarantees backed by an international peace force would come into effect?

Genuine self-determination for the Palestinians is essential. But selfdetermination cannot be immediate. Nor can it be long postponed. A plan for international supervision pian for international supervision and guarantee for an adequate period would be more acceptable and much more justified than any attempt at sudden transformation or indefinite postponement.

We have now suffered ten years of delay and division and drift. After a short period of hysterical hope there is a dreadful danger of sinking back into hopeless and most

sinking back into hopeless and most dangerous procrastination.

What is now required, I suggest, is an urgent international initiative in fewour of an international transsition a transition to Palestinian freedom and Israell security.

Neither is possible without the other. Both are still attainable.

Yours sincerely,

HUGH CARADON,

But in attempting to reply to his critics Mr Justice Lawson is reported by you as saying that "It (the jury's verdict) may have been a merciful verdict and I am bound to act in accordance with that verdict." In the first increase it is no

tions to mercy was highly specific in being directed to the question of

hanging and in any event was by no means infrequently disregarded. The

means infrequently disregarded. The Judge's reference to the possibility that the verdict might have been "merciful" is irrelevant, but the suggestion that he was bound to proceed in accordance with such a "merciful" verdict would appear to be based upon a doctrine which is as dangerous as it is novel. The task of sentencing belongs to the trial ludge who must exercise his own thoughts for the purpose.

If comparison is made with the Liddle case by reference to other

Liddle case by reference to other similar homicides committed in the

course of, or in close temporal proximity to other crimes, then the sentence of 12 months bears not the least resemblance to the norm. It

lends support to the view that in exceptional cases the Crown ought

London School of Economics and Political Science,

Houghton Street.

Aldwych

December 21.

Trematon Castle, Saltash, Cornwall.

#### Manslaughter sentence

From Professor Terence Marris Sir, Contrary to a good deal of crinical opinion the majority of High Court Judges, when sentencing offenders, usually manage to get the sentence right, in terms of what is a reasonable combination of punto act in accordance with that verdict". In the first instance it is no
part of the task of any jury to
arrive at "merciful" or for that
matter vengeful verdicts. The jury,
properly directed by the trial judge
as to the law, and assisted by his
summing up of the evidence is
required to find a verdict on the
facts as the law applies to them.
The old practice in the days of
capital punishment of recommendations to mercy was highly specific ishment, deterrence, and an expression of sober public attitudes, towards the crime in question. When, however, they get it wrong they seem sometimes to get the sentence hopelessly wrong.

In this context I would suggest that Mr Justice Lawson in passing that Mr Justice Lawson in passing a sentence of 12 months imprisonment on Ralph Liddle at Winchester Crown Court after he had been found not guilty of murder, but guilty of the manslaughter of a young man of 18 made such an error. The reaction of the boy's father, a man who had served the public as a police officer in Hampshire for 20 years, in resigning from the force is as regrettable as it is understandable. But it is all too easy to dismiss such reactions as a frustrated desire for retribution and easy to dismiss such reactions as a frustrated desire for retribution and revenge. While perhaps few would wish now to go among with Fitziames Stephen in his desire that "criminals should be hared and ... punishments so contrived as to give expression to that hatred", Parliament has not yet legislated away the principle that grave crimes, of which homicides are surely among the gravest, ought to be marked, other things remaining equal, with sentences which reflect that gravity. None of the circumstances ordinarily associated with the passing of a light sentence for mensiaughter—severe provocation, "mercy" killing, and so forth—seems to have been present in Liddle's case. A sentence of 12 months cannot, in all seriousness, reflect the gravity of this crime, the circumstances of which were characterised by a high diagrae of deliberation. re characterised by degree of deliberation.

Documentary on S Africa

From Mr Antony R. Thomas Sir, Your leading article on the sub ject of the television discussion programme following the last film Experience on December 21, raises crucial issues about a film maker's responsibility to his public.

It is significant that every atti-

It is significant that every attitude I hold on the question of a folia maker's responsibility to his public was shaped in and by South Africa. When I returned to that country in 1952 after graduation, I was deeply sensitive to criticisms that were being levelled here against "my country". At that time Afrikasus intellectuals were attempting to refine apartheid out of its crude origins and had coined a new phrase "separate development". There was talk of massive redistribution of land to make the "redistribution of land to make the "Homelands" viable entities, self-government for blacks based on traditional forms, development of black trade and industry without unfair competition from whites, etc. . At the age of 22, I attached my-self enthusiastically to this socalled verligte movement, and in feet made a film for the South African Government called The Anatomy of Apartheid. It was the most important lesson of my life. The film had given me un'imited access to townships and "Home-lands" where blacks, instead of rejecting me out of hand, patiently pointed out the wide gap between

theory and intention-let alone

The lesson learnt was that a film maker must try not to bring any preconception to a subject. He must devote at least twice th the intends to spend on his actual filming to his preliminary research, and he must rely absolutely on his own personal sense of right and wrong and that of his close working

colleagues.

Above all, he must declars the subjectivity that guides him. I antempred to apply these principles, even when I lived in South Africa. All my research notes on the next documentary were confiscared by the police, and I was detained and cross-examined on two occasions that year. In 1967, it was made clear to me by a senior official that my career as a documentary film maker in South Africa was finished.

The South African authorities may now regret the fact that they allowed me back this year, but they cannot accuse me of hasty prejudgment. Indeed, I have seen "spartheid" from both sides, and my recent documentary films have emerged from that experience. What has panicked and paired the regime, as well as its British bockers and apologists is that millions of Britons have had the opportunity to share a hard-won truth. Yours faithfully, ANTONY R. THOMAS. Mountow Cottage, Clodock, Longtown, Herefordshire.

Licensing photocopying From Projessor T. E. Allibone, FRS

Sir, 1 write as one of the members of the 1952 Copyright Committee to support the objections raised by Professor Beinart and others of Birmingham University (Letters, December 24) to the proposed abolition of the right to have single copies of copyright works made by photocopying machines for one's own use for private study or research: the Whitford Report recommends that a blanket licensing system be introduced so that fees may be collected for owners of

copyrights.
The 1952 Committee was anxious that our copyright law should be close to the Brussels Convention of the Berne Union; freedom to make photocopies under certain well-defined restrictions is enjoyed by citizens of European countries without a licensing system being enforced and such freedom ought not to be denied to us.

We gave very careful consideration to the way by which safeguards offered to copyright owners could be eroded by the application of modern technical developments to the provision of material under the "Fair Dealing" clause; our Part 3 dealt with this subject in great detail. The Royal Society contended that the making of single extracts from scientific books and periodical publications was essential to re-search workers; other learned societies concurred and our report laid down strict conditions to be followed by a librarian or by a nonprofit-making body when supplying

a photocopy to any one person at a cost which had to be not less than the true cost price plus an appropriate overhead charge, and

the Act embraced all our recom-

mendations.

Since then I have especially noted the behaviour of librarians when I have asked for photocopies of material for study, librarians ranging from those in the British Museum to those in small county and town libraries and I have never seen a failure to apply the safe-guards of the Fair Dealing clause in the Act, Clause 7; provided these are strictly maintained the intro-duction of a fee-collecting procedure with all its attendant humbug to librarians and its cost to the student appears to me to reduce the advantages which technology has provided. Moreover the machines are used in universities and libraries for the speedy duplication of non-copyright material and to distinguish between which copies are to carry a licence fee and which are not would add significantly to the cost of operation.

It is true that since 1952 coin-operated machines have been widely installed in public places and are used for reproducing non-copyright as well as copyright material; for the former, a blanker licensing fee would be unjust, for the latter it would be impossible to pay the fee to the rightful owner. Yours faithfully, T. E. ALLIBONE, York Cottage. Winkfield, Windsor,

Barkshire

#### Protest against apartheid

From the Reverend Paul Ocstreicher Sir, Dulwich College, argues Mr C. D. Hoare (December 28), should not have refused to 'play rugby against the Diocesan College, Cape Town. The refusal, he tells us, caused white South African liberals to react with emotions "ranging from disapprintment to downright from disappointment to downright anger. That reaction only proves how right the headmaster of Dul-wich was to call off the match. wich was to call off the match. Mr Hoare's long letter wastes no words on the feelings of the majority, poor and oppressed. They would be gratified and encouraged by such an act of solidarity far away in London. That the wealthy white parents who send their children to this church school would like it to be integrated is true of some of them and of Anglican church leaders. So far, that has made no practical difference. Unlike some Roman tar, that tas made no practical difference. Unlike some Roman Catholic school, this Anglican college has not admitted black pupils in defiance of government policy. Until it does, it would be deeply insuling to the majority of Cape Town's children to accept its sport-

ing credentials.

During this past year black children have suffered intolerably. In protest at their pathetically inadequate educational structures play have gone on to the streets. Their stones have been answered with police bullets. Many have been killed. This is what even those white South Africans who disake apartheid manage again and again

to ignore. Possibly before too long the Diocesan College will be permitted token integration. But 999 per cent of black parents could not even begin to find fees which even many white parents agree to make genuing integration possible by finding the money to pay for black pupils in large numbers, the time will have come for friendly football matches. To his credit the captain of the Dulwich team refused to play. I am reluctant to believe that the headmaster cancelled the match in ignorance of the moral issue and only because he feared a hostile demonstration. Possibly before too long the stration.

I write not only as a trustee of South Africa's now banned Christian Institute but as an Anglican parish priest in Lewisham, only two miles from Dulwich College. Having some knowledge of the discussions that preceded the cancellation I can say that the Bishops of Southwark and Woolwich, in opposing this match, were keenly aware of the implications of such an issue for race relations on our own doorstep. Yours sincerely,

PAUL OESTREICHER, Ascension Vicarage, Dartmouth Row, SE10.

# exceptional cases the Crown ought to be able to appeal seminst the sentence on the grounds that it was flatly unreasonable and, as in this case, against the public interest since it seems to set so little store by the value of human life. Yours faithfully, TERENCE MORRIS. Arnhem tribute

From Mrs David Noyce Sir, I am disappointed that a recent significant event seems to have pessed unnoticed by your news-

people of Arnhem paid tribute to the courage and bravery of the small British force who held the north end of their famous road ridge for four days in September 1944 against eventually overwhelming odds. They have renamed the bridge the John Frostbrug, in honour of the then Lieutenant-Colonel John Frost, DSO, MC, the commander of the 2nd Battalion Parachute Regiment, whose men mainly comprised the force. The Dutch waived their rule that

bridges in Holland may not be nemed after the living and, as part of a civic ceremony involving the opening of a new road bridge across the Rhine, the old bridge was renamed in the presence of Major General (Retd) John Frost, CB, DSO. MC.

Although of a generation younger than those involved in the 1939-45 conflict, I was immensely moved by this warm gesture and, in this some what cynical age, feel unashamedly proud and grateful for General Frost, and men and women of courage like him, who have put and who are putting their lives at risk in the service of their nation. Yours faithfully, .

DIANA NOYCE, HOP & SS (Germany), RAF Rheindahlen,

#### In Regent's Park From Mr J. D. Judah

Sir, No one doubts the vitality of the sculpture in the Regent's Park. It is its impact on the surround-ings which concerns some of us. After all, the work of John Nash is itself a magnificent example of British art; but it is being invaded by objects which neither enhance the original surroundings nor them-selves appear happy against their background. For example, there is new bandstand at the waterside concrete bowl in the onen air theatre, a concrete waterfall in the Morecambe and Wise, one notices a series of new artefacts.

The park has something to offer everyone at all seasons of the year, and I don't believe that anyone's sense of humour would be at risk if the statue were moved. I fancy that there is a very suitable gollery for it not a stone's throw from Baker Street. Yours faithfully,

J. D. JUDAH, 14 Clarence Gate Gardens, NVI.

#### Divine light

From Mr Paul . ewman Sir, The idea of red and green lights in confessionals to indicate whether they're occupied or not is not a recent innovation, as PHS infere in his note (December 21) on a new Catholic church in Richmond. Our local RC church, St Joseph's, has had them for some three years... but then Buckinghamshire has so often been ahead of the times, despite its reputation as a conservative, reactionary county. Yours faithfully, PAUL NEWMAN,

The Queensway, Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire,



## **COURT CIRCULAR**

December 29: The Queen arrived at Sandringham today.

### Birthdays today

Professor Sir Hedley Atkins, 72; Mr Anthony Cripps, QC. 64; General Sir David Fraser, 57; Viscount Gage, 82; Sir Reginsid Groom, 71; Air Chief Marshal Sir Edmund Hudleston, 69; Sir John Prideaux, 66; Sir Albert Robinson, 62; Lord Taylor, 67; Lord Terrington, 62: Sir David Willcocks, 58; Sir Henry Wilson Smith, 73.

#### Latest wills

Kathleen Spencer Grange-over-Sands, Fenton, of left £67,467 Grange-over-Sands, left £67,467
net. After personal bequests of
\$3,300 she left the residue equally
among the Wood Green Animal
Shelter, RSPB and St Dunston's.
Other estates include (net, before
tax pald; tax not disclosed);
Cannon, Mr Victor Metcalfe, of
Poole

\$172,414
Shone, Mr Douglas James Sandford, of Burford, antique dealer
\$201,387
Thomas, Sir Ben Bowen, of Ban-Thomas, Sir Ben Bowen, of Ban-gor, Permanent Secretary of the Welsh department, Ministry of Education, 1945-63 £16,458 Whyre, Mr James, of Birdham, engineer £177,953

# Latest appointments

Latest appointments include Mr B. E. Whitaker, assistant man-aging director of Nasfi, to be managing director, in succession to Mr E. W. MacGowan.

Mr N. W. Dacey to be board mem-ber, marketing, and Mr N. Webb-Bourne, board member, supplies. Mr C. H. Christie, Warden of St Edward's School, Oxford, to be director of studies at Brimonia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, in September, in succession to his. G. Stewart, who is retiring.

#### University news

Oxford

P. Hutchinson, MA, has been appointed a university lecturer in German for three years.
CHURCHILL COLLEGE. Miss M. Bristol,

Glasgow
Professor E. M. McGirr, BSc. MD,
Nulrhead Professor of Medicine,
lias been appointed administrative
dean of the faculty of medicine
and professor of administrative
medicine, in succession to Professur A. J. Haddow, BSc, MD, FRS,
who is retiring.

Aberdeen Appointments
I returers: Music, B. A. R. Cooper, MA.
United Cooper, MA. B. Williams, Balus
Walles: PhD (Cantab., Musics, Bolisterers follows, Histonistry, N. D.
Brenner, B. (Cantab.): Biomodical

incestors in a new light. It is known that sweeping environmental changes in the Milicene period, nine to 14 million years ago, caused great diversification of the hominoids, the primate group to which both apes and men belong. During that period the thick tropical forests that covered Acts and Africa comments and

thick tropical forests that covered Arica and Africa contracted and the hominoids seem to have been driven into more open wondland. It has been suggested that the stimulus for the emergence of man from his apelike ancestors was a further shift, to open grass-

#### Forthcoming marriages

Mr S. C. Addison Smith and Miss R. A. Hall

The engagement is announced between Stephen, youngest son of Canon and Mrs A. C. Addison Smith, of Easingwold, Yorkshire, and Rosalind, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Roland Hail, of Sum-merfields. Escrick, York.

#### Mr J. B. Dutton and Miss E. O. Waddell

The engagement is amnounced between Lieutenant J. B. Dutton. Royal Marines, son of the 4.2 Mr E. Dutton and Mrs L. W. Starr. of Curzon Park, Chester, and Elizabeth daughter of Dr and Mrs M. O. Waddell, of The Old Vicarage, Lydden, Dover, Kent.

Mr S. C. Fox and Miss S. F. S. Campbell The engagement is announced between Shamus, son of Mr and Mrs Henry Fox, of Chiddingsone

Hoath, Kent, and Sarah Flons, daughter of Dr and Mrs Scott Campbell, of Langton Green, Kent.

# Dr P. S. Marsh and Mrs J. V. Lacey The engagement is announced between Patrick Marsh, of Belfas., and Patrick Marsh Lacey, of Malborough, younger daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs

Lientenant M. J. Poliard, RN and Miss G. A. W. Hayes

# The engagement is announced between Michael Jeremy, elder son of Mr and Mrs A. G. Pollard, of Hoodcote Gardens, Winchmore of Mr and Mrs A. G. Pollard, of Hoodcote Gardens, Winchmore Bill, N21, and Gail Ann Wauchier, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. J. Hayes, of Freston Gardens, Cockfosters, Hertfordshire.

and Miss S. V. J. North
The engagement is announced between Michael Townley, elder son of the lare Mr G. T. Rawlings, and of Mrs X. D. S. Rawlings, of The Old Vicarage, East Langdon, Kent, and Sara, daughter of the late Mr R. A. North and of Mrs R. A. North, of Boguhan House, Ballron, Stirlingsbiee.

# Mr C. J. V. Ryan and Signorina P. A. Zanolio

The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of John and Priscilla Ryan, of 12 Airlie Gardens, London, Wa, and Antonella, daughter of Bruno and Ebe Zanollo, of Via Juvara 16, Mantua, Italy.

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No from Medical Research Council et C. H N. Horne for a postnd scientific assistent's salary and D. L. Foulkes has been appointed

a reader in law at Uwist. Belfast

Mr Alan Jenotogs, MSc (Manc) has been appointed to the second chair in civil engineering. Other appointments

Other appointments
Lecturar: Spanish, T. J. Dathon, BA
Levelst, PhiD (Canhab).
Roaders: Dr. D. Canhab.
Roaders: Dr. D. R. John, physiology:
Dr. D. R. Boyd, chemistry: Dr. C.
Meban, anatomy: Dr. J. Welsh, computer science.
Senior lacturars: Dr. P. A. Ribbs, agricultural and fond bacteriology: Dr. R.
W. Herry, moditine: J. G. Konneris:
Vestrative dentistry mulica. D. B. K.
Larturania, medicine: Dr. D. R.
Larturania, medicine: Dr. P. D. A.
Treens, anatomy: Dr. D. B. Prior. seagranny: Dr. L. Turner, psychology.
A grant of C7, 123 has been made by
the Multiple Scienasis Society of Great
British and Northern Included of Great
British and Northern Included and Immumediciney to support a senior research
fellow for three years.

Science report

Palaeontology: Apes of Asia

Fossil remains recovered recently from rocks in Pakistan are casting the evolution of man's ape-like and the modern apes are more complicated than had been supposed.

At least tiree genera of hominonial changes in the Miocene period, nine to 14 million years ago, caused great diversification of the hominoids, the primate group to which both apes und men belong. During that period into the solutions, the hominoids apes und men belong. During that period into the solutions and the modern apes are more complicated than had been supposed.

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That means that the early hominoids branched into a number of lines that were more

gien, the hondalds.

#### Mr R. A. Dennis

and Miss C. J. Manning The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Colonel and Mrs A. H. Dempis, of Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire, and Christine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs G. H. C. Manning, of Ashley Green, Buckinghamshire.

and Miss C. S. ff. Hubbard

The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place enertly between Dominic, son of Mr. Peter Eliot, of Shardeloes, Amersham, and Mrs Jennifer Eliot, of The Old Cottage, Latimer, Buckinghamshire, and Catherine, daughter of Dr and Mrs Mark Hubhard, of 158 Cheddon Road, Tounton, Somerset.

#### Mr R. W. Lloyd and Miss Y. E. Wyles

The engagement is sunounced between Richard William, youngest son of Mr and Mrs William Z. Lloyd, of Arcley Hall, Stourport on-Severn, Worcestershire, and Yvonne Elise, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Laurence V. Wyles, of Pine View, Norton Lane, Earls-wood, Soldrull, Warwickshire,

# Mr J. I. M. Marray and Miss B. A. Cobb

The engagement is announced hetween James Ian McLaren Mur netween James Ian McLarea Mur-ray, of Corran, St Andrews, Fife, younger son of the late Mr and Mrs James Murray, and Barbara Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs S. John Cobb of Huntington, King-ton, Herefordshire.

The engagement is announced between Brian, son of the late Mr H. J. Prothero, and of Mrs M. Prothero, of St Andrews, Fife, formerly of Great Crosby. Merseyside, and Jocelyn, daughter of Judge and Mrs Edmondson, of Ambleide Combrid. side, and Jocelyn, daughter Judge and Mrs Edmondson, Ambleside, Cumbria.

The engagement is aunounced between Nicholas Jeremy, youngest son of Dr and Mrs J. S. Redfern, of Wellington, Shrapshire, and Anne Margaret, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs A. B. Thompson.

# Dr C. P. Taylor and Miss D. G. S. Peck

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The engagement is announced
between Christopher, son of Mr
and Mrs N. Taylor, of The Croft,
Ullesthorpe, Leicestershire, and
Deborat, daughter of Judge Peck,
of The Manor House, Princes Risborough, Buckingbamshire, and
Mrs T. W. Sandeman, of Littlehill,
Pulborough, Sussex.

#### Today's engagements

Changing of the guard, Buckingham Palace, 11.30.

Jubilee stamp exhibition: National
Postal Museum, King Edward
Street, City, 10-4.30.

Imperial War Museum: "Master
drawlings of the two world
wars", 10-5.50.

Camping Outdoor Holiday Exhibition and Motor Caravan Show,
Olympia, 10-8.

Walks: "In the footsteps of Sherlock Holmes", meet Embankment station, 2; Historic London
public houses, Dockland, Tower
Hill station, 7.30.

#### Church news Retirements

The Rev N. Sargent, Vicar of Limbot, Parkstone, Darvet, discose of Salisbury, on Lanuary St. The Rev F. A. O. Sanders, Rector of Stalishinge, Dorset, discose of Salisbury, on March 31.

# Church in Wales

Appointments

The Roy M. L. Cloment, Vive Blackwood and Hural Dean Hodwelly, diocese of Mannouth. The Roy Dean Linewearth Citts, same dioce The Roy D. Lewis, former Dean and Hector of \$1 John thauts Cathours, Believ is be Vice of \$1 Mark's, Newport, success Monatouth.

grassland is now known to have occurred after the emergence of the earliest men, and while the decisive transformation from hominoid to hominid may have occurred in Africa, the "cradle of mankind", Ramapithecus may have reached Africa from an early evolution in Asia, where

many more specimens have been

found.

Professor Pilbeam believes that as more hominoid remains are analysed it will be possible to sort out the tangle of evolutionary lines and trace the divergent development of spes on the one hand and men on the other.

By Nature-Times News Service.

of the Nature-Times News Service,

Source: Nature (268, 609; 1977 and 270, 689; 1977).

# estates has been as universal as it has been massive in scale, the association says. "Social problems for today and tomorrow are being built into our towns and cities in this way." The review continues to isolate housing as if it were in no way connected with land, land values, or the form and function of cities, it says. "So long as housing policy remains the task of specialists having no point of contact with or part in the planning of human settlements the resultant attention. Given that the 960 such areas that have been declared represent only the tip of the iceberg, the record is quite luadequate. Similarly, the housing action area programme of only 190 declarations is not an achievement of which the Government should be proud, the association says. "The blame must be with the Government, who have cut back and held down the finance for these sectors." Government aid sought to improve London's roads

Austria, where she is on holiday with her family.

Many new houses 'of bad

design and in wrong place'

By Our Motoring Correspondent modest road investment pro-By Our Motoring Correspondent
Direct aid from central government is urgantly needed to bring
London's main road network up
to the standard of other British
and European cities, according to
Movement for London, the transcorr pressure group.

Much new louising has been built in the wrong place, often to inhuman design and at exorbitant cost, the Town and Country Plan-ning Association states in its comments, published today, on the Covernment's housing policy

review.

The polarization of housing

development into single-class estates has been as universal as it

ent's housing policy

port pressure group.

It says that by 1990 London may have at least 680,000 more cars than today and the increase might be as much as 1.250,000. Its estimates are based on forecasts by the government supported Transport and Road Research Laborators.

Transport and August and Laboratory.

Mr Andrew Warren, secretary for of Movement for London, said:

"Pressure on London's road ever space is going to grow far faster to than can be accommodated within the Greater London Council's to the control of the control

He said 40 million vehicle miles were recorded in London every day, yet only 140 miles out of 8,000 miles of roads in Greater

and were not getting a fair deal for their money.

"We believe it is the right of every family in London who wishes to own a car to do so. It is the duty of an authority like the GLC to cater for this need.".

#### 25 years ago From The Times of Tuesday, Dec 30, 1952 Eisler out of favour

From Our Own Correspondent
Berlin, Dec 29.—The fickle
jade of Communist favour has now
descreed the Office of information
of the east German Government
which, it is officially aunounced,
to coase intercription on Thursis to cease its activities on Thursday. Its work is to be done by the press office of the Chief Minister and the services of Professor Gerhart Eksier, who has been the head of the Information Office, are need of me information office, are to be either dispensed with or rigidly controlled. Professor Eisler's name became well known in the United States and Britain in 1949 when he stowed away in

the Polish ship Batory in order to escape anti-Communist proceed-ings in America. He was taken ashore by force at Southampton but a British court declined to but a British court declined to order his return to America, and he then came on to east Germany as a bero. He was at once given the rask of organizing an information service. For a time he seemed to be a trusted member of the inner Cummunist councils but for most of this year his department has been the courte of uncomplimentary whispers and his own removal has been foretold many times. This was unofficial until recently when the new drive for reform and for consolidation of Communism in east Germany officially enveloped the press and information services as it has done nearly everything else.

# French are top as pen friends

policy will be expedient and weak, and the housing stock that results will combinue to III fit the people and the places in which they seek to live and work." Scottish children send most of their requests for penfriends to France, rarely seeking contact with North Africa, Beignum, Switzerland, Austria or Latin America.

That is stated in a report by the Central Bureau for Educational Visits and Enchanges which also discloses a "flood" of requests from Japanese school-children for pen friends in a widerange of countries. In the case of Scotland it seems to have been stimulated by a recent visit to Japan by the Bay City Rollers.

Extracts from the bureau's report were published to The Scottish Educational journal vesterday. In 1976-77 it received 2,723 requests from Scott children for pen friends in 33 countries.

The largest number of requests was for countries whose languages are taught in schools. The overwhelming majority of requests were for France. 1,802, compared with Germany, 95; Spain, 43; and Italy, 11.

English-speaking areas formed the second most important group. There were 254 requests for American friends, 176 for Camada, and 78 for Australia. to live and work."

On improvement policies, the association argues that, so far from their being a great achievement, it is tragic that after eight years only a third of the houses in need of renovation in general improvement areas have received attention.

#### Swedish royal couple on Brazil visit

Rio de Janeiro, Dec 29.—King Carl Gustal and Queen Sylvia of Sweden arrived here today for an 18-day private visit to Brazil. They will remain in Rio until Saturday

is-day private visit to Brazil. Incy will remain in Rio until Saurday when they will go to Sao Paulo, 400 miles south.

The Swedish Embassy Stated that the royal couple's visit is private except for a courtesy visit to President Ernesto Geisal in Brasilia on January 12. They will also visit the Amazonic capital of Manaus.

While in Brazil, they will stay most of the time with friends and relatives of Queen Syivia's Brazilian-born mother.

At the airport reporters were warned in advance not to ask political questions. Speaking in English King Carl told the press: "We would like very much to stay here until Rio's famous carnival in February, but unformablely that will not be possible.

"We have to work, too", be said.—AP.

#### Correction

The Story of the Invention of Steel Pens by Henry Bore (1892) was reprinted by R. C. Phillips Ltd, of Oxford, by permission of British Pens Ltd, not by Philip Poole, as stated in the Special Report on handwriting (December 2).

# **OBITUARY** PROFESSOR P. A. SHEPPARD Major work in meteorology

Professor P. A. Sheppard, water, His writings and his lec-CBE, FRS, Peter Sheppard tures were mouels of lucidity he was known, died in hospital and the same talent made him the retirement of Sir David Brust in 1952 and in the ful-

lowing two decades, until his retirement in 1974, his department became world-renowned as a centre of post-graduate teaching and of researches carried out by Sheppard and his distinguished colleagues. There mosphere of critical discussion of European space research. for which the group was

at Kew Observatory soon to prepare for the International Polar Year, 1932-33, which he Crown Princess Beatrix of The Netherlands on skis yesterday at Lech,

on December 22, aged 70. He much in demand on commitwas for many years our lead-tees going beyond his own expertise. Among his impor-He succeeded to the chair of that services were the chairmeteorology at Imperial Community of the Meteorological lege, University of London on Research Committee: Ministry of Defence 1958-68: president Recai Meteorological Society 1957-59: member of the Science Research Council 1967-71 chairman of its Space Pulicy and Grants Committee 1865-71; and chairman of the Scientific and Technical Committee of the European Space Research Organization (and size-chairman of ESRO). was a continuous flow of Snace Research Organization was a continuous flow of Cand vice-chairman of ESRO, students and staff members, the latter two being onerous attracted by the stimulating at tasks in those formative years attracted by the stimulating at

There is little doubt that the continual meetings and jour-neys abroad, aimort commun-Sheppard in turn was much in demand abroad; in 1963 he was Visiting Professor at the University of California at Los Angeles and he also spent time in Australia, India and the Soviet Union as well as making numerous visits to European numerous visits to European of DSc. Leningrad, was performed wearing one or other of his many hats.

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joined the Mercorological Office tient manner, sometimes Cisconcerting to students, revealed a genuine intolerance Polar Year, 1932-33, which he of any denarture from scientish spent as a member of a small fic integrity, especially from anyone who, he thought, should know better, but at the same time he had a warmth of human feeling which endeared rather proud. From that time onward, until he became acquaintance were much wider in 1939, he was one of a group working for the War Office on boundary layer rurbulance and of any departure from scientiboundary layer rurbulence and diffusion in connexion with chemical warfare, a group which made some remarkable special love; all were in his fundamental contributions to range of informed enchargings. the understanding of airflow the ground and incidentally provided two successive directors of the Meteorological office and at least four PSSs.

Showed airflow this wife, Phyllis, was a frequent companion on his travers and a charming hostess at their home in Secr. Green, where they entertained from the control of the c where they entertuined frequently and generously. Her death in 1975 was a grievous blow to an already ailing man Sheppard's research interest quently and generously. Her continued in the same speciality leading among other things blow to an already ailing man but he continued with his compositive death in 1975 was a grievous blow to an already ailing man but he continued with his compositive death's surface, both land and the end.

#### MR NORMAN MACDERMOTT

Mr Norman Macdermott, the British theatrical enterprise theatrical producer, who died on December 23 at the age of 88, will be remembered for his on December 23 at the age of 88, will be remembered for his attempt to give London its own repertory theare, comparable with that of Birmingham and with the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, during the early 1920s. This was the Everyman, Hampstead, founded by him in 1920 and handed over to another management in 1926, later to become a cinema.

War.

In particular he put an end after something like five years to the virtual banishment of Shaw from the London stage. He revived 16 of Shaw's plays, some of them for the first time—this while their suther was still in mid career with several of his major works not yet produced. Macdermott's companies become a cinema.

Macdermott was born in Edinburgh on October 15, 1889. Hannen, Claude Rains, Felix and went to Liverpool College. He had had experience as a scene designer in Liverpool but was unknown in London at the time of his appointment, by a company with a nominal capital of 130,000, as director of the new playbouse—a conof the new playbouse—a converted drill hall—"opposite Hampstead Tube Station". The hope that it would be the don audiences and a few English plays of quality such as Outward Bound and The Vortex were first produced there. As it happened, Macdermott did his best service at the Exhibition for the Festival of Everyman by linking up with the pre-1914 ploneer work of Granville Barker at the Court about his tenure of the Every-

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Macdermott's companie, were hand-picked—Nicholas Hannen, Claude Rains, Felix

himself, corrying on until 1926 made a loss on all but three of the 78 plays he then presented. His last noteworthy produc-tion in London, that of Sean power house of a new movement in the theatre was not
fulfilled, though Eugene
O'Neill was introduced to London audiences and a few
English plays of quality such
me Outpard Bound and The
Second World War and general Second World War and general manager for the South Bank Exhibition for the Festival of Britain. In 1975 he published a book

and of Miss Horniman at the man Theatre entitled Everythe Galety, Manchester, and so
helping to bridge the gap in He was three times married.

# MR CHARLES CUDWORTH

Mr Charles Cudworth, formerly Curator of the Pendlebury, Library at the University graphical study of 1972). Pergular School, Cambridge, died on December 26 at the age of 69. He was largely self-taught in music; most of his encyclopedic knowledge of the preckassical repertory was acquired on his free Thursday classical repertory was acquired on his free Thursday afternoons in his early job as a Cambridge bookshop assistant, when he would copy and study little-known symphonies in Cambridge libraries and the He worked as an assistant in various university departments and libraries in the 1930, when he was much encouraged

by Edward J. Dent. and in 1946 he took charge of the Pendlebury Library. He became the undisputed authbecame the undisputed audi-ority on English eighteenth-century music, drawing it to notice after long neglect by means of numerous articles, of concerto and the symphony by whom were especially influential. bered with He was also deeply versed in a widow.

in his characteristically entitled articles "Ye Olde
Spuriosity Shoppe").

Beyond music, though never
very far from it, he had other
interests, including Gaine
borough, Rousman, and the
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help-rien if it meant setting aside his own work-he was an ideal librarian to many generations of Cambridge students, it bered with affection. He leave.

#### CARMICHAEL, VC Mr John Carmichael, VC.

it. The grenade exploded and CDE in 196-. Queen's Univer-blew him out of the trench. He sity, Belfast, made him an how could have thrown the grenade out of the trench but realized that by doing so he would en-danger the lives of the men working on the top.
"By his splendid act of resource and self-satrifice",

stated the citation for his award. "Sergeant Carmichael saved many men from injury

East Anglia and Holland. He lectured and broadcast on many such topics as well as strictly musical mes, and he wrote several librettos, principally for Patrick Hadley.

With his prodigious memory and his unfailing readiness to belangue if it meant setting

# MR JOHN

died on December 26. He won

#### JUDGE BERLARD FOX Judge Bernard Fox; CEE.

died on December 26. He won his medal while serving in Belgium in 1917 as a sergeant in the North Staffordshire Regiment. When excavating a trench he saw that a grenade had been uncarthed and had started to burn. He immediately appropriate the same and the started to burn. He immediately appropriate the same and the started to burn. He immediately appropriate the same appropriate to the started to burn. He imme he was legal adviser to the diately rushed to the spot, Government of Northern Ireshould to his men to get land the from 1940 to 1944

Should bis men to get land the from 1940 to 1944 clear, placed his steel helmet cheirman of the Price Regula-over the grenade and stood on tion Committee. He was made tion Committee. He was made sity. Beifast, made him an hour orary LLD. He married in 1908 Elizabeth Myers. They had 1900

sons, one of whom, Mr jatk Fox, is a resident magistrate in Tite city.

Ada Lady Gwynne-Evans, widow of Sir Evan Gwynnebut ne was seriously injured himself." After the war, he successfully built up a public transport service, after starting, with only two vehicles.

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**BUSINESS NEWS** 

Uncertainty over new Federal Reserve Board chairman increases money market pressure



# **Brussels fixes** minimum import erices on 140 teel products

tion Michael Hornsby

Minimum prices for some 140 sel imports into the EEC have cen fixed by the European Commission and were today for-warded to member states for enforcement from January 1,

Commission announced new guideline prices for 10 types of steel product which EEC steelmakers will be asked to observe on the Community's internal market.

Exact minimum import prices, whose imposition for three months was agreed earlier this month by ministers of foreign affairs and trade, will be announced officially tomorrow. But, according to informed sources in Brussels, they will on average be about 7 per cent below the EEC's internal guideline prices.

Community steel companies will be prohibited from aligning their prices on these cheaper imports. Foreign suppliers will thus continue to

enjoy a competitive edge. During the period the mini-mum, or "basic", import prices mum, or "basic", import prices are in force, the Commission will seek "boluntary" restraint agreements, covering price and quantity, with the main suppliers: Japan, Brazil, Korea, Spain, Finland, the European Trade. Association and Trade Association and East European countries.

Speaking to the consultative committee of the European Coal and Steel Community in Luxem-bourg vesterday, Viscount bourg vesterday. Viscount Etienne Davignon, the EEC Commissioner for Industriel Policy, said the Commission would be "keeping a very closs watch" on the national aid granted to the steel industry.

industrial Correspondent

coli and cold reduced coft.

In addition, the state steel

undertaking, which in the cur-rent financial year is expected to record a deficit of at least

1500m, announced that it was to lift the price of its tube milliproducts by about 6 per cent from January 1; the last increase, of 6.4 per cent, was in

July.

BSC said the price of bot Com

be ancouncing output and capa-city targets for 1985, and it would need to be satisfied that national subsidies were in line with these objectives. Member states would be making "the gravest error" if they imagined that minimum import prices and

New prices (per tonne) are as follows: cold-rolled sheet, £201.50; sheet other than strip, £156; quarto sheet, £151.50; thin plate, £156, wire rod, £165; ordinary mild steel contracts a sinforcing here.

orould be "kerping a very closs vield, 130; recome (night) found be "kerping a very close vield, 130; merchant bars, ratch" on the national aid \$155.50; and hot-rolled coils, ranted to the steel industry.

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Prices existed only for rebers.

Two BSC lines dearer

New prices for two major rolled coll prices was of 10 per cent, in October, 1976. product lines were announced by the British Steel Corporation Subsequently, against the background of a continued deterioration in the steel market, the corporation introduced last night. The jucreases are in line with new minimum prices sgreed by the EEC and sporoved by the Council of Ministers. They affect bot rolled a remporary £10 a some rebete in February this year so that

price below that set in October, 1976. Cold reduced coll is also Cold reduced cost is also being increased in price from January 1 by £3.50 a tonne, about 2 per cent. Prices on cold reduced cold were last increased in September this year, by £18.40 a tonne, which reflected pressure from the EEC. Commission.

non said, the Commission would

ures are designed to shore up the sagging steel market pend-

Capacity utilization is running

In addition, compulsory mini-mum prices have been fixed for the following: rebers (ordinary mild steel), [130; rebers (high

Many people regard the chairman of the Fed as the second most influential American leader after the President. rolled coil will be increased by f7 a tonne, a 5 per cent in-crease. The last rise in hot

the latest increasa leaves the monetary policy focus not just on a stable doller but on stable

Dollar slips further against all currencies money supply would be kept under con-trol, and that policies which would weaken the dollar would be avoided as

sterling climbed further, parily on the back of the dollar's weakness, and muched \$1,9275 at one point. It closed the day at \$1.91, 1.5 cents up on the day. It was also firmer against other currences and the effective rate index. currencies and the effective rate index, measured against a basket of curren-cies, rose to 65.4 in the merning. This is the highest it has reached since the recovery in sterling's fortunes began last autumn. Ir came down a little to finish at 65.2.

The market was still thin and too much should nor be read into the rate movements. However most dealers buying back of dollars as some dealers felt that it had been oversold. Never-theless it closed the day at a new low against the Deutsche mark of DM2.09 and against the Swiss franc of: SwF2.01.

Its effective rate depreciation widened still further to -5.02 compared with -4.58 yesterday.

In recent weeks the Canadian dollar has held its ground against the United States dollar whereas earlier in the year it fell even further than the American currency. The effective rate of the American dollar has thus fallen much more sharply in the last weeks.
The weakness began in Tokyo yester-day morning. The Bank of Japan inter-vened very heavily to hold down the

and the strength of the pound will yen and, managed to bring it back continue.

Within the 240 level by the close.

In the afternoon there was a little Japan's currency has not been at the buying back of dollars as some dealers forefront of the currency turnoil in the last month, but many people now expect it to strengthen again in dollar terms. The Japanese Government may find it impossible to hold the 240 level

It into the New Year.

It seems almost certain that when the markets get into full swing next week there will be further pressure on the dollar. The European central banks were not intervening in an obvious way

Figures published vesterday showed that there was a very sharp rise in the German official reserves in the first three weeks in December as a result, of the intervention then. This could

# Warning on property and land price explosion

By John Huxley

A warning that land and house prices could explode if planners overreact to the inner city fashion" and refuse to zone new land for building round the cities was given yesterday.

Mr Andrew Tait, director general of the National House-Building Council, said that there had been signs recently that land prices were rising dangerously high in some areas. Although the NHBC, which is the official consumer watchdog over private housing, wished to see greater cooperation between local authorities and the private sector in inner-city participation schemes, it also recognized the need for more land to be zoned for housing outside urban areas.

"We cannot realistically build in the inner cities more than a small proportion of the 170,000 private houses which the Government Green Paper on housing postulated the private sector might build.

"There is a great need for politicians, local authorities and politicians, local authorities and planners to have more regard for the "absent consumer"—the person who wants to buy a house in an area where he does not already live. No one represents him at planning inquiries", Air Tait said.

"The result has been that we "The result has been that we have never, since the war, zoned land sufficiently far ahead of demand. Had the market been flooded with land then land prices would have been lower, consumers would have had better homes at less cost. speculators would have had their fingers burned."

In comments on the Green Paper submitted vesterday to the Secretary of State for the Environment, the NHBC says land is the key issue, and that there is evidence to show that the consumer is being penalized because builders are buying

scarce land at inflated prices. It suggests that local authorities in the south-east of England for instance, do not fully understand the difference between, on the one hand, plots which have only planning permission, and, on the other, plots with planning permission, plus some prospect of infrastructure in

places where people want to A factor holding up development, the NRBC says, is "the mutual suspicion between plan pers and builders, and the un-

willingness of some planning authorities to behave in a businesslike way, delegating matters of detail to their officers." . The NHBC's comments also contain a proposal that those buying newly-built houses should pay reduced local auth-ority rates for the first five

vears after occupation. The cost, it suggests, could be met by revenue from development land Because almost all new ren-Because almost all new ren-ted housing is exempt from the tax, the NHBC suggests it is only right that those who buy a new house—those who ulti-mately pay the tax—should have partial exemption. "Otherwise, there might be thought to be discrimination against buyers— most of them young people on.

most of them young people on-modest incomes." The NHBC suggests that the reduction of rates through development land tax credits could be helpful in attracting people back to private housing in the inner cities.

"It is not yet easy to attract buyers to formerly run-down areas where there may be a fear of vandals or worse. But it

has been shown in the United States that owner-occupiers will defend their property. "Once a few successful experiments are carried out, the idea of more balanced develop-ment in inner cities might take

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#### major currencies on the foreign exchanges yesterday in the wake of President Carter's decision not to reappoint Dr Arthur Burns as the chairman of the Pederal Reserve Board when his term expires at the end of January. Mr William Miller, who will be the new chairman, is virtually unknown and the markets fear he may not exert such a strong conservative influence on policy as Dr Burns. As the dollar has dropped this year one factor cited by dealers for its weakness has been the uncertainty over the future of Dr Burns. He has been a firm advocate of a strong dollar as well as being opposed to too much expansion in America.

other measures were a substi-tute for a fundamental rational-ization of the EEC's steel in-

ing more far-reaching structural

Capacity utilization is running at no more than 60 per cent.
Output this year is estimated at about 126 million tonnes, compared with 134.2 million tonnes last year. On present trends, it would decline still further to some 126 million tonnes in 1978.

The new guideline prices for the internal market are about 5 per cent higher than existing prices. There will be another 5 per cent rise on April 1, followed by a third 5 per cent increase later in the year, the timing being dependent on market developments.

crete reinforcing bars (rebors), £135; high yield rebars, £140; merchant bars, £150; and hor-rolled colls, £156.

Typical of the reactions from business, and financial quarters was the enthusiastic endorsement by Mr A. W. Clausen; chairman of the Bank of America Mr Miller was one of America's "truly competent business executives", he said and his selection came as "wel-come news to the business community".

Prom David Cross

Washington, Dec 29

tent business leader.

nicular has generally welcomed the choice of Mr Miller.

The Washington establish-

ment, too, is happy about his appointment. Although Mr Miller is largely an unknown quantity in the American capital, he has a reputation as a pragmatic and highly competent business leader.

Even the trade unions, who made no secret of their dislike for Dr Burns' tight money policy, have been quick to endorse the nomination.

The business community is particularly delighted that President Carter has chosen one of their own to head an organization which has an important independent role in the run-

ning of the country's economy.

Echoing this view, Mr Hanry Reuss, the Democratic chairman of the Benking Committee of the House of Representatives, said Mr Miller "sounds great".

His record on making jobs is excellent and Pd like to see our

Mr George Meany, President of the AFL-CIO, said Mr Miller was "capable and weil-quali-

fied.

"In replacing Dr Burns as chairman, the President is clearly moving away from discredited policies that created

for the new Fed chief a speedy recovery", Mr Meany In spite of some disappoint-ment that President Carter has seen fit to replace Dr Burns, the business community in par-

Widespread welcome

maintained.

Predictably, Republican members of Congress have been less enthusiastic about Dr Buras's impending removal from office. Senatur Jacob Javits of New York, said he regretted that the President had missed an opportunity to make "a major positive contribution to sustaining and improving business recovery" by failing to reappoint Dr Burus. He hoped that Mr Miller would bring to the chairmanship of the Fed "the necessary qualities and policies". sary qualities and policies

Exactly what economic line
Mr Miller will take when he
assumes office at the end of
next month after approval by
the Senate remains to be seen.
But most commentators here
expect him to devote more
attention to job creation than
his predecessor.
The main criticism of the
staunchly conservative Dr Barne

staunchly conservative Dr Burns by the White House and other

interais was that he concentrated too much on the need to fight inflation and to propping up the dollar rather than stimulating employment.

Mr Miller tends to suggest he will be more 'liberal. In a speech in Pittsburg last January he will be supported a breed. he said he supported a broad new economic stimulus pro-gramme to create more jobs, asserting that this need not hamper the continuing fight against inflation.

He also suggested the govern-ment should consider prepar-ing "selective" government ing "selective" government controls on the economy as "acceptable medicine" when "mushrooms of inflation" popped up: And he supported

popped up: And he supported new tax cuts for industry.

Mr Carter told reporters he hoped Dr Burns would agree to stay on the board of the Fed as a governor as he had earlier indicated he might.

But if he chose to leave, there would be other openings for him in the government in the economic, foreign affairs or human rights sectors, Mr Carter promised.

America's tough business world

Mr Miller speaks to journalists after his appointment as chairman of Fed. With him is Dr Burns, left, Mrs Miller and President Carter.

How Mr Miller proved himself in

By Our Economics Staff By Our Economics Staff

Mr William Miller, the new chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, built his career during the past 20 years in one of the most successful and financially sound of the American conglomerates.

Now aged 52, he joined the Textron group in 1956 after working for some years in the law firm of Cravath, Swaine and Moore.

Moore.

When he joined Textron he was given a year to prove himself worth promoting to Vice-President or to be fired. Four years later, he was company President.

The Textron group, which had sales last year of \$2,600m (about £1,368m) and employs 65,000 people, has interests

65,000 people, has interests ranging from helicopters and

such as zippers.

It grew rapidly throughout the 1960s by acquisition, but never ran into the liquidity problems which were the downfall of other conglomerate companies, many of which were modelled on the Textum formula.

The group has had a less readily definable image than

many other conglomerates, but came into prominence in 1975 when it was involved in a plan to take over and rescue the Lockheed corporation, then in severe financial difficulties.

The plan fell through partly because of worries about allegations of fraud by Lockheed in connection with a shipbuilding contract with the United States government.

Mr Miller has been Chalman

of the Textron group since 1974, and is a director of a number of other corporations. He has been a member of the board of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston for the past six

Pluck, determination and decisiveness are his strong points, some colleagues said. "He's very tough, very decisive. He cannot be pushed around. They will find him as intransigent as Arthur Burns if he feels has right", a close friend said.

He recalled that Mr - Miller allowed subordinates bonest missakes but became "very imparient with incompetence".

He also had a good memory, and was able to store the details of wide-ranging com-

sany activities in his head and to recall for his executives facts they might have mentioned in a conversation months ago.

Although committed to the success of his business and known for his long hours of work, he has also been active

other fields. He has served as head of national businessmen's associ-ation for providing jobs for the underprivileged and was also the first Chairman of the Industry Advisory Committee on equal employment oppor-tunity set up by President

Mr Miller bes also been in the van of businessmen seeking closer ties with Eastern European countries and the Soviet

Council and of the United States-USSR Trade Council In recent speeches he has

In recent speeches he has indicated his support for a broad fiscal stimulus to the American economy, and his generally easy-going manner may make it easier for him to stay on good terms; with Congress and the Administration than Dr Burns found it.

Laid up tankers

Plans by Japan to use up to 25 laid-up oil tankers as storage units could lead to a substantial

improvement in the tanker

market.
According to a spokesman for the Oslo-based International Association of Independent Tanker. Owners Japan intends

to use the tankers, each of 250,000 tons deadweight, to store crude oil. The ships may be taken out of lay-up next May,

There are now about 65 ves-sels of this size in lay-up

may store oil

# tool deal for new Mini

Leyland Cars yesterday announced the biggest machine tool order yet placed for the controversial new Min! project (ADO 88)—a 52m line of body panel presses to be installed at its Swindon plant. The announcement will be

seen in some quarters as preempting the decision of the executive panel now reviewing the future of the £250m project. But the 800-ton Wilkins and Mitchell presses would be equally at home producing s for LC 10, the new tim saloon originally ned for 1981.

ome influential Leyland execurives would prefer to see it launched in late 1979, ahead of ADO 88. Presses of this type can be switched from one car to enother simply by changing their tooling.

More than half the £400m More than half the £400m investment already committed on ADO 88 is to provide two two body and final assembly addings at Longbridge. A orther £13m is being spent on ghly automated body welding animals.

cesterday's announcement to revealed that the new tesses will be linked by labour ing automated transfer upment. Contracts for this ve still to be placed.

The E2m order means that Wilkins and Mitchell, the Darson, Staffordshire, heavy press manufacturers, have received orders totalling £10m in a little over a month.

They include a £2.25m order from Vauxiall Metors. A Wholes and Mitchell spokesman said this gave the company one of its healthiest order books for a song time. But other machine tool com

panies are far from happy with continuing delays in Leyland Last year Leyland Cars fore-cast that rhey would spend an average of £45m a year for the next 10 years on United Kingdom machine tools. But it is now clear ther in 1977 it fell short of this forecast by some f15m.

# £2m machine Commission allows 3pc soda ash rise and opens ICI investigation

Only part of a proposed price increase for soda ash—a major constituent in glassmaking—was allowed yesterday by the Price Commission to Imperial Chemi-

The company had wanted a 5.6 per cent rise, the third increase this year in the commodity of which ICI hold a total production monopoly in Britain. In the event the increase will be only about 3 per cent.
The Commission will now open out its three-month investi-gation of this part of ICPs activities and there is expected

cal Industries.

to be particularly close scrutiny of how far the company is operating diciently while in a nonopoly position.
ICI will inevitably face close questioning on the phasing of major investment which is un-

derstood to have been going on for some time to modernize and renovate plant. Renovation is a particular problem in soda ash production because it involves brine processing, the ash or sodium carbonate being a misture of limestone and salt.
The Commission is expected

to ask ICI to specify how far it has been passing investment costs straight through to cus-

Last night the company confirmed that the latest phase of sods ash investment, to which it was committed last year, amounted to £17m. Of this not quite £6m was going on modernization and renovation work. It is understood that earlier spending amounted to considerably more than this

An ICI spokesman pointed out that just over film of the investment is devoted to raising production capacity at Winning-ton, part of the mid-Cheshire complex for producing soda ash. By mid-1979 an additional 80,000 tonnes a year will be produced, adding to the present annual capacity of 19 million

"Some 20 per cent of our soda ash production how goes for export and the aim is to increase sales abroad. To do that we need the most modern plant as well as capacity, although at the moment our prices are below those on the

necessarily being fed through to customers in price rises, the company claims. There has also been an overall rise in

COSTS. The Commission, which is obliged to allow interim price increases under profit safeguard rules during an investigation, said last night that ICI would be allowed to raise the price of soda ash by £2 a tonne, representing about 3 per cent. ICI had sought an exworks price rise of £3.50 a tonne.

Earlier this year ICI raised sods ash prices—in June by nearly 55 per cent, and in March by 6.9 per cent. Glass march by 6.9 per cent. Glass manufacturers are by far the largest users of soda ash, taking up around 60 per cent of ICI's production. It is also used in making detergents, in certain chemical processes and in metal finishes.

Because there is a world shortage of soda ash users say that in Britain ICI is the only p: acticable source of supply

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THE POUND

The FT index: 490.6+0.2

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# production in N Sea The Cod gas and condensate field in the Norwegian sector of the North Sea is now on stream. About 9,000 barrels of oil and

**Cod** gas field starts

90 million on ft a day of gas is now flowing into the Ekofisk production complex about 50 miles to the south-east. Phillips Petroleum, the operator, said the Delra platform on the west Ekofisk field was back

in production following modifi-

In brief

cations to the risers and flow-line and was contributing 80,000 barrels of oil and 380 million cu ft a day of gas to output.
Oil from the area is now around 400,000 barrels a day while gas production has risen to 930 million cu ft a day. Oil production is expected to start shortly from the Thistle field, in the north-east Shetland heatin, operated by the British National Oil Corporation, and will build up to a maximum of about 200,000 barrels a day.

Container expansion

Expansion of container services in the Far East between services in the Far East between Hongkong and Australia, via Taiwan and the Philippines was announced yesterday by partners in the Asia Australian Express service. Both AAE and the Hongkong based Orient Oversees Container Line have each contracted for two new reliular container vessels designed for the trade, due for delivery between next August and November.

Australian National Line is to lengthen two existing ships on

lengthen two existing ships on the 'service, both of them believed building is Japan. UK-Japan-steel venture Nippon Kokan, a Japanese steel company, is to use British

designs and technological expertise to build and install a continuous casting machine at its Fukuyana works.

Under the terms of an agreement signed with the Davy-Loewy research and development centre in Bedford, most of the machinery, but cer-tain items, including the conputer control system, will be supplied by Davy-Locay from the United Kingdom.



The Italian Cabinet yesterday approved an emergency alloca-tion of 400,000m lire (about £242m) to enable hard-pressed companies to pay December wages and bonuses and to meet urgent commitments to sup-pliers. Signor Carlo Donat Cattin, Minister of Industry,

# curbs next week

restrictions will be published in the Department of Trade's journal, Trade and Industry on January 6. Existing surveillance licences for goods being restricted for the first time will be revoked from this Saturday and importers of these goods will be required to apply for new

After the meeting of the Council of Ministers in Brussels last week, agreements negotiabetween the EEC and supply countries will be operated de facto from January 1 Restrictions will also be an posed on Taiwan, although details of quota coverage and levels are not yet available.

#### Opencast inquiry

A public inquiry is to be held on January 31 into an application for opencast coalmining at Togston, Castle Morpoth, North-umberland, by the National Coal Board. There have been 12 objections to the plans from local councils and individuals.

above, said a quarter of the allocation would go to the pub-lic sector of industry and the rest to the private sector.

#### Details of textile import Details of new textile import

# . In its end-year review the organization said that last month the world tanker fleet month the world tanker fleet amounted to 329.2 million tons with an order book of 20.8 million tons. Of the present tanker tonnage on order about 75 per cent is scheduled to be delivered before the end of The organization also noted that tankers were being scrapped at a faster rate than they were being built.

appointment of Lloyds Bank Limited as Registrar.

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# Wall Street and the dollar

It has been a miserable year on Wall Street. Volume in the market may have been close to record levels, but since much of it generated by institutions profits were at best moderately good for brokers. Prospects of a radical reshaping of the securities business have undoubtedly contributed to the dismal performance of Wall Street.

Moreover, such thoughts are bound to gain ground in coming months as the Securities and Exchange Commission takes key decisions on the future shape of a

national market system.

Most agree that real gross national product growth in the coming year will be in excess of 4 per cent, with inflation rising only slightly to perhaps 6.5 per cent and with unemployment falling moderately to about 6.4 per cent by the end of 1978. Prospects for such trends have been enhanced by President Carter's decision to cut taxes by \$25,000m next year and by Opec's decision to hold the line on oil prices. So, there are grounds for some optimism on Wall Street. The President seems aware that much of the prevailing nervousness is of his own making and, by the end of January he hopes to have issued public statements that will demonstrate his conservative fiscal policies and that he is sensitive to the declines in business profits, concerned about inflation and determined to

balance the Federal budget On the monetary from there is some encouragement to be taken from recent money stock figures. They suggest that the Federal Reserve Board has finally got the money supply growth under control and that, as a result, a period of interest rate stability lies ahead.

Of course there is concern about the changes at the FED now that Mr William Miller is to replace Dr Burns as chairman. A new FED chief will unsettle market nerves initially but is unlikely to alter the FED's course much and when this becomes apparent, so the market's participants will turn their attention to other matters.

In the market itself there is every reason to believe that bargain hunting will continue, with tender offers continuing to become more common and with investors finally realizing how cheap so many solid corporations are. This realization itself should help strengthen prices. In the bond, market prospects look good, although demand for funds from private and public sectors is likely to be well over \$310,000m and a few companies will be squeezed-out, with greater differentials likely to emerge between the prices of good and less good municipal and corporate borrowers.

Nevertheless, foreign investors on Wall Street remain cautious. The dollar is weak and with a major energy battle ahead in the Congress, which is unlikely to produce the sort of policy that will sharply cut United States oil imports and with possibly a record trade deficit in prospect once again, a firm revival in the currency will be hard to

Europe/Far East

#### Realism and high expectations

Against a background of stagnating industrial production in OECD countries, only the German Commerzbank Index among tue main continental bours recorded a year-on-year rise during 1977.

With forecasts of world trade growth still being downgraded investors in Frankfurt, Amsterdam, Paris and Milan are not predicting any significant upturn in share values until well into the second half of 1978.

· German shareholders' fortunes still rest largely on the prospect of a significant recovery in the dollar leading through to improved export competitiveness. Meanwhile, dividends, particularly from the steel and chemical majors, are declining sharply.

Amsterdam share prices have followed the German index down in recent weeks but worsening unemployment and a deteriorating balance of payments position in Holland now that gas revenues have peaked may accelerate the decline. Paris, which now holds the dubious distinction of being the cheapest international market on fundamentals, faces a nervous run-up to the spring elections, while in Italy, the Christian Democrats' efforts to revive an almost moribund Milan bourse have yet to have any effect on declining share values. Events in Japan are the key to what

happened throughout the Far East region, although domestic factors in individual countries were obviously important as well. As domestic demand in Japan slumped, and growth became more and more dependent on exports, the markets responded to worries about demand for raw materials, the

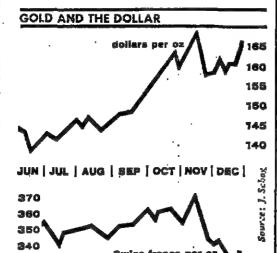
appreciation of the yen, and the impact on their own industries of imports from Japan. These developments manifested themselves spasmodically in the Tokyo market. Trading volume was thin until the last quarter, when it was stimulated by govern-ment reflation plans. Public sector related stocks benefitted particularly. The recovery might have been more marked, had trade and currency discussions with the United States been more fruitful.

Falling interest rates and a marginal depreciation of the Yen, boosting exports, could put some heart back into the market. But few brokers expect little excitement.

Sluggish performance in Hongkong, the second biggest market in the region, was caused chiefly by two factors: a bearish attitude by British investors, and lower than export orders from the main markets of North America and Europe, accompanied by fears of import controls.

The Government's first exercise in counter-cyclical intervention, in the form of a massive public works programme, stimulated a property boom and generated considerable interest in property and related shares. But traditional leaders such as Jardine, Matheson and Hongkong and Shanghai Bank lagged far behind the market. The abolition of the premium dollar surrender rule could cause a switch by United Kingdom investors out of these

Small advances in Singapore and Sydney indices mainly derived from the under-lying strength of the two economies. Singapore has established itself as a leading member of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN), and has relaxed its somewhat hostile stance towards Malaysia and Indonesia, the major trading partners. Significant growth is anticipated in 1978, especially in standard stocks like Sime



🛢 Gold has moved up smartly since just before Christmas reflecting the weakness of the dollar, and now uncertainty over future United States fiscal policies following news that Mr William Miller is to succeed Dr Burns as chairman of the Federal Reserve

Mr Miller will be taking office at almost the same time as two other potentially im-portant events for the gold price occur. The Group of Ten accord on the official gold price ends in February while the IMF articles should be ratified around then. The increased freedom of central banks to buy and sell could help gold unless there is a resumption of United States Treasury sales.

Over the last 12 months, gold has risen by about 24 per cent in dollar terms, but this has largely reflected the depreciation of the dollar. In Swiss franc terms, gold last week' nearly touched its low for the year seen back in January, after falling sharply over the last six weeks. Profit taking is one factor, but also more gold than anticipated has come on to the market during the year. Portugal, for example, is believed to have sold some 80 tons and the Russians emerged more strongly as sellers in the second part of the year. Provisional estimates are that about 1,500 tons of gold have come on to the market during the course of the year.

Europe: the end of transition

# Financial systems: a tortuous road towards harmonization

As one of the leading advocates of British membership of the European Economic Community, the City's high hopes at the time of entry five years ago have so far not been realized in any significant expansion of its activity in Europe.

British Insurance Association, have been vocal in condemning the absence of any progress despite initiatives taken by the United Kingdom Government to speed up negotiations.

Thus the 1973 establishment directive for non-life companies that much of the wind taken Europe.

Measured, for example, by the level of Britain's invisible exports, the EEC still accounts for only a fifth, much the same proportion as at the beginning of the decade.

Steps to harmonize financial systems and the services sectors

steps to harmonize innancial systems and the services sectors generally have been characterized by continued bickerings among the Nine. Too often national self-interest has appeared to be the guiding light rather than the "Common Market" ideals enshrined in the Treaty of Rome.

It is, for example, no easier

It is, for example, no easier for accountants, lawyers and the other professions to set up shop in Europe. Fairly ambitious schemes to harmonize banking and insurance systems within the Community have been abandoned for much more watered-down directives.
Lack of progress, it is true,
on the more general economic
and monetary union fronts has
taken some of the pressure
off harmonization elsewhere. Latterly there have been some more promising signs that the more rigid systems operating elsewhere in the EEC which the City had been hoping to see ease, to enable it to compete

on equal terms, are slowly beginning to open up. But the overriding impression is that harmonization of financial systems has been a in will be some years before ful comparibility of systems within the Community is within reached.

The insurance industry has more reason than most for feel-ing disappointed with progress towards a full common market in insurance. For an industry that earns around two-thirds of its premium income outside this country, and is rather less constricted by regulations than in any other country in the Nine, insurance leaders, like the

Thus the 1973 establishment directive for non-life companies had much of the wind taken out of its sails by the requirement of individual members that insurance companies set-ting up elsewhere in the Com-munity should adhere to the same regulations and solvency standards as applied to national

Admittedly there is nothing legally wrong in this interpreta-tion of the freedom of services ruling of the European Court of Justice which said that this should only apply when the services were not conditional on special national laws. But certainly in this country insurers have viewed the decision as being against the spirit of the EEC, which they

have always regarded as being there to provide them with more access to the European insurance market. Added to some signs that other European countries have moved further towards protec-tion—during troubles in the marine insurance market a couple of years ago France and

Germany put obstacles in the way of placing marine business—it is hardly surprising that the British insurance industry has become distillusioned with developments date.

Members of Lloyd's in par-ticular have been worried that the establishment directive would in the end lead to an even more restrictive environ-ment since without a branch network it does not in theory have the freedom to set-up in other EEC countries.

A further important step towards harmonization, how-ever, was taken a few months ago when the Department of Trade published regulations governing classification of risks and solvency margins for non-life companies, thought hims. life companies, thereby bring-ing United Kingdom companies into line with the EEC direc-

Ronald Pullen and (below) David Blake conclude our

examination of aspects of Britain's relations with the EEC at the end of the transitional period of membership

tive. So things are moving, albeit slowly.

The next stumbling block is to extend the regulations to the life sector where the Europeans are keen for their existing strict controls to continue, in particular over solvency ratios. The other area of debate, which could have important ramifications for the composites, is over the question of "special-

Most European countries want to maintain the demarcation between life and non-life companies and in Germany, for example, the idea of a com-posite insurance group is not recognized at all.

The Treaty of Rome gave particular prominence to the coordination of policy in the banking sector but again there have been few signs of any real harmonization of banking STRUCTURES.

After years of wrangling the commission finally published a banking directive in 1973 which provided freedom of establishment and services in other EEC countries not just for banks but a variety of other financial in-stitutions as well.

Because the United Kingdom banking system already operated one of the most liberal environments in the developed world, banks in this country were expected to benefit from the dismantling of barriers (such as nationality require—work has been adopted which ments) elsewhere in Europe. can be refined in time.

Again, however, the out-turn Company law is one area

ments) elsewhere in Europe.
Again, however, the out turn has been rather less than the intention with precious little two-way flow between EEC countries. It is clear that the abandonment of monetary union, which would have meant the focusing of European attention on monetary policy and the creation of a single authority to look after the entire financial sector, has played a big part in delaying bank harmonization.

Indeed, the entry of Britain bank harmonization.

Indeed, the entry of Britain (and Ireland for that matter) to the EEC has resulted in an important change of emphasis in the commission's approach to harmonization. More stress has been laid on inter-country cooperation rather than trying

to superimpose a new structure of detailed requirements on reserve assets and the like that characterized the banking struc-tures of the original six member states.

The influence of the United Kingdom and in particular the British Bankers' Association led by Lord O'Brien, an ex-Governor of the Bank of England, appears strong in the Community's banking philosophy which aims to leave the main responsibility for controlling the

sibility for controlling the liquidity and solvency of banks to individual members rather than laying down hard and fast rules that may not be applicable to several different states. The first substantive move-in EEC terms at least—towards a common market in banking came last month with the adoption of a directive for banking activities in the EEC which has much more limited aim elimi-nating the most obstructive barriers between the laws of member states in the banking

While the directive appears
to have plenty of teeth—licensing of credit institutions will
be mandatory and will only be
granted if certain liquidity and
solvency ratios are adhered to
—it is in practice a fairly tame
document and much work still
has to be done before hanking has to be done before banking structures in the EEC are truly

where harmonization is about to have a profound effect on United Kingdom practice, al-though the first directive in force on accession has made little impact on business life. Legislation is already intended Legislation is already intender to comply with the second directive which requires the tithe of companies to differentiate clearly as to whether they are private or publicly owned, be more sweeping changes aeflowing from the proposen fourth directive, which is likeuto be adopted in the first has of 1978.

This laws down minimum discreptive with the same control of the same control of

This lays down minimum dis closure and audit requirements. The Department of Trade has already said it is considering dividing companies into three categories for disclosure and there is a fierce debate going on between official and accountancy circles as to whether, smaller companies should be exempt from the current company law requirement of a full-scale

sudit.
It is still not finally clear whether the directive, which will alter considerably the lay-out of United Kingdom company accounts, will permit the use of inflation-adjusted figures. The Germans have been adamantly opposed to such permission but an acceptable compromise is expected to be reached. Other proposed directives could bring requirements to allow workers to be consulted on take-overs and even to change the current form of consolidated accounts.

Perhaps more than in suy other area, the United Kingdom has lost its sovereignty over the making of company law and is faced with fitting a system based (loosely) on Roman law and hit reliving an one case law and but relying on case law and precedent with the prescriptive European law which has evolved through the Napoleonic

It is, however, an area in which progress is being made and which is making a contribution to easing the transition

# Little progress on exchange controls

entry into the EEC neared drawing up their own agree-ment on what was meant to be the next great step forward for

This was the building of an conomic and monetary union in Europe, with free movement of capital, a common currency of capital, a common currency and (implicitly) the joint formulation of fiscal and monetary policy. It was to this scheme that the Chancellor of the time, Lord (then Mr) Barber, committed the United Kingdom to go "as far and as fast as anyone else".

The past five years have shown that to be one of the least onerous pledges made by any political leader, as successive schemes for monetary sive schemes for un union have fallen apart.

Indeed, it is not until Sunday that the United Kingdom will even take its first step as a Community member towards the liberalization of the con-trols on capital movements required as part of the creation of a Community in which capital can move freely.

As on so many other issues, before it became a member, the United Kingdom was a great deal more forthcoming in its attitude towards the EEC than it was after it joined. In the Budget of 1972, before the United Kingdom became a mem-ber of the EEC, the most significant easing in exchange con-trols connected with the Community took place. This was to allow companies to spend film a project a year on direct itself investment in the Community. Years. This investment was exemp-ted from the normal rules gov-

As the negotiations for Britain's are generally known as the entry into the EEC neared "super-criterion". Under the their climax in 1972, the super-criterion rules (which original six member states were will be eased this weekend) drawing up their own agree-investment abroad has to pay for itself in balance of payments terms within 18 months. This, coupled with a limit of £250,000 on the amount of money which could be invested using this channel, meant that little investment has taken place using the super-criterion rules. The 1972 relaxation was thus perticularly

yalunble. It did not, however, last long. By the spring of 1974 the pound was in trouble and a Labour government had been returned to power with a deep suspicion of overseas investment. In his first Budget, Mr Healey ended the fim exemption for direct investment schemes

This left the United Kingdom with only one concession to the easing of capital move-ments, which was that people moving abroad to other EEC countries were allowed to take some money with them to help them start their new life. This concession was introduced at the time of accession to the

These changes will be joined this weekend by a further series of earnes of exchange controls, all minor in nature.
For direct investment the
amount of foreign currency
which can be bought under the super-criterion will go up to £500,000 or half the total cost of the project in the case of EEC schemes. In addition, the length of time over which the investment has to justify itself will be increased to three

Indirect investment will still have to be financed out of the investment currency pool'

where the exchange rate is much less favourable to sterling than in the normal markets.

But the 25 per cent surrender rule, under which a
quarter of the foreign currency duarter of the foreign currency bought for a project had to be sold back at the official rate of exchange, thus producing a net boous of £200m a year to the reserves, is to be abolished. These changes, and a further increase in the amount which emigrants can take abroad, will make little impact on the over-

make little impact on the overall structure of controls, even though there was a firm commirment to remove them all by the end of the transition period. The reason this has not happened is that the European Commission has, in formal terms, given its permission to Under

Article 109 of the Rome Treaty, any state in balance of payments difficulties of a severe kind is allowed to introduce safeguard measures to protect

its currency.

The United Kingdom has not lose force if the United Kingdom has not lose force if the United Kingdom continues to run a subclause. Both Italy and France have kept strict exchange controls in spite of the fact that they have been members of the rules is not likely to be over-

Britzin has been able to do the same because it has, until this year, been in continuous deficit on its balance of payments and clearly fulfilled all the criteria for continuing to maintain controls on capital ex-

not yet destroyed it entirely. In its talks with the Brussels commission, the British Gov-ernment stressed that much of the apparent strength of the United Kingdom external position is still fairly fragile. which Much of the money which flowed in to give the United Kingdom reserves of spound \$20,000m could just as easily

whelming. main reasons.

First, the actual impact of exchange controls on the volume of foreign investment has been nothing like as great as their more extreme suppor-ters and detractors argue. The years since Britain joined the EEC have seen a very sharp in-crease in British investment in the Community and elsewhere, some of it (as in the venture)

Companies wishing to invest abroad can either raise money locally or pay for the invest-ment out of inventited profits.

The second reason why pressure for easing the exchange controls has been less than once that the monetary union of which capital liberalization was meant to be the precursor remains as obstinately far from

# Business Diary: A quiz for the year's end

- 1 Who said: "My basic economic convictions were and are perfectly correct, although—t) my surprise— they are still not much understood or indeed
- 2 A big British company—a household name—celebrated its "centenary" this year. even though it celebrated its fiftieth anniversary only in 1938. Which? 3 The chairman of a British
- public company and one of his directors, a peer, made American legal history this year. Who and how? 4 Which self-styled "revolu-tionary capitalist" said: "It is very difficult to convince the City"?
- 5 Name the company which this year made its fourth rights issue in 10 years.
- 6 Eet you couldn't name the chairman of the Post Office. 7 Or the successor to Sir Ronald McIntosh as the director-general of Neddy. 8 A car manufacturer caused a
- stir in October this year by becoming the biggest im-porter of the month. Any 9 What is a hogg? 10 Who was the French hotelier
- who found there was no room at the inn? 11 Would you say that Air Com-modore the Hon Peter Beckford Rutzers Vanneck is the 450th, 550th, 650th or 750th

Lord Mayor of Loudon?

- GEDEL:
- Who called "Time, gentlemen, please!" on Britain's largest
- 12 What is the smallest trade union in Brit:dn ?
- must women members?
- Which country has the big-gest beef "mountain" in the EEC? 15 Which EEC country is gen-
- erally recknied to have had the highest growth rate in the Community this year? If you don't know, the answer might surprise you. No marks for guessing who

said, five days before the pound was allowed to float

in October, that we would run into serious problems in

- remaining price competitive overseas if the pound rose. 13 And which union has the 17 Where was the £10,000 suit must women members?
  - 18 Who described a pay rise of \$650 a year or more as " an incredible neglect of public duty"?
  - 19 The pound rose against the Deutsche mark in the year to Christmas Eve by 0.5 per cent, 6.5 per cent or 10 per cent. Which, if any? 20 Why could there he personal as well as firancial reasons behind AIVs de-cision to bid for Madame

- ANSWERS:
- amounced that members of state boards, who have not had a rice since 1972, could have a 5 per cent increase from next week on salaries over £15,000 and 10 per cant on salaries under.

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  11. He is the 650th.

  12. The smallest union affiliated to the TUC is the Wood, Shear workers' Trade Union of Sheff workers' Trade Union of Sheff and 27 of whose members field, all 27 of whose members is The Cloth Pressors' Society with 70 members, again all of them men.

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- ment to avoid giving evidence in as anti-trust action.

  4, Roland "Tiny" Rowland, Rolleds.

  5, Roland "Tiny" Rowland, Concoldated Cold Fields.

  6, Sir William Batlow.

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# If the phrase "information explosion" has become a cliche, which it has, it is one around which a new international industry has been built. The industry is concerned with acquiring, indexing and storing information; and providing users with immediate access to that information at the switchings on of a computer terminal ing on of a computer terminal and the disting of a telephone. This industry has developed strongly in the United States in recent years, but only this year has it made its presence felt in Britain. Its products in the main

are databases, or files of infor-mation, and the tools of its trade ar video terminals, tele-phone lines and computer In scientific information the scale of the problem was noted recently by Sir Ieuan Maddock, Secretary of the British Association for the Advancement of Science.

In the "free" world about 40,000 separate journals on science and technology subjects are published each year, he said, and this number is increasing of about 1.500 a year. Three and a half million articles are written and published annuelly and this volume is increasing by about 8 per cent a year.

Nobody can know where and what it all is. Mercifully, the right sort of technology is around to help in coping with the problem, to damp down and control the in-formation explosion. The tech-nology is that of computers, microelectronics, communica-tions—and the all-important

Nobody can read it all.

software. Setting the scene at the first international on-line informa-tion meeting in London earlier this month, Martha Williams of the University of Illinois put it this way:

The prospect of a surplus in 1978, continuing at least for some years, has done much to dent that case, though it has

flow out and no one knows how large the capital outflow from the United Kingdom would be if controls were removed.

into European property) singularly ill-judged.

achievement as ever The "snake" of European currencies has ceased to be an come a Deutsche merk block.

# Coming to terms with the information explosion

the pressing problems of science and society."

For the first time in history, she added, computerized information retrieval is widespread and economically viable—as evidenced by the volume of machine readable records data. machine-readable records, data-bases, on-line software packages, vendors of on-line systems, search services and searches: Most of the published scien-tific and technical literature can be identified by computer

Kenneth Owen Technology ... Correspondent

searches because the references are in computer-readable form.
Most of the world's abstracting and indexing literature is in computer-readable form. There are more than 400 publicly available bibliographic databases containing more than 55 million records.

More than 75 per cent of these computer-readable records are now available via on line information service companies in the United States, Canada and Europe. These companies access to the data bases is in turn marketed by large numbers of centres, libraries and brokers. brokers.
Lockheed Corporation in Cali-

fornia claims to have the world's largest on-line information-retrieval service in its Dialog system, which holds over 17 million references to reports and articles on technology, the humanities, social science, business and economics. Earlier this year the databases of two United Kingdom organizations—the Institution of Electrical Engineers' inspec and the Commentation monwealth Agricultural Bureau,

with the lira, the French franc and the pound remaining out-side. This month, four further United Kingdom additions to Dialog were announced: on

geology, paper, textiles and information-handling science. Over 100 companies are listed in the membership directory of the Information Industry Asso-clation of the United States. A new name in Britain this year is Info-Line, the government-backed information service company whose shareholders are the Department of Industry, the British Library, the Chemical Society, the Institution of Electrical Engineers and Der-went Publications. Info-Line is preparing to launch its initial

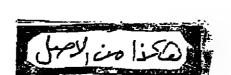
services next year and plans blink in to the forthcomal Euronet data network acres Europe. The British Library's ow. automated information service ("Blaise") began operation during the year. A network of five centres will permit local-call access over a wide area; and it will be possible for bibliographic searches to be followed through at the terminal by an immediate request for a loan copy or photocopy of documents from the library's

lending division at Boston Spa.
What sort of information is
on the end of the on-line links,
anyway? References to virtually everything of significance published in virtually every branch of science and tech-nology, plus much more besides. In many cases, an abstract of the content of the publication is given as well as the basic

Among the older established services now available inter-nationally via immediate computer access are Chemical Abstracts; Inspec's abstracts in physics and electrotechnology; and the abstracts of the Com-monwealth Agricultural Bureau. Other subjects covered by organizations exhibiting at the recent London meeting include

reference.

energy, the environment, pollu-tion, oceanics, psychology and social science. Ordinary English is used in tracking down the required references, by typing in key words on the terminal to indicate the subject of interest. With a day's training and some experience on the terminel a typical search might take 10 minutes and cost between £5



**Business** appointments

elects a new

Mr G. H. Fairtlough, a director of Shell UK and managing director of Shell Chemicals. UK, has been made a managing director of Shell UK. Mr W. C. Thomson, chairman of Shell Chemicals UK and a director of Shell International Chemical has become a director of Shell UK. Mr A. Glimmerveen has resigned as a director of Shell UK.

The following have become directors of Willis, Faber & Dumas: Mr B. D. Bond, Mr J. Brenchley, Mr D. F. K. Carolan, Mr H. Dyson-Laurie, Mr G. W. Pckins, Mr R. B. Smith, Mr J. M. P. Taylor, Mr A. R. Towler and Mr R. J. White.

Mr Michael Butler has been

Mr Michael Butler has been made treasurer and deputy director-general, finance department, National Coal Board, from January 1. He succeeds Mr Douglas Wright, who is retiring.

Mr D. P. Tandy has become a director of Property Growth

Mr Reg Conway has joined the poard of British Relay (Elec-

Mr E. Goodali, Mr J. Kooyman and Mr J. Moss have become members of the Furniture Development Council.

Mr P. Whitehead has joined the board of Sandhurst Marketing.

Mr David Mason is to become managing director of Reliance Hosiery (Halifax). He succeeds

Mr Farauz Peters, who is retiring.

Mr N: Gower has been made a lirector of Teddington Machined

Mr A. W. Furse is to be a director of Joseph Shakespeare from January 1.

Mr Harry Hornsby has been made director of the Process Plant Association from January 3.

Mr Peter Duxbury of Walker & Rice, is to be the first chairman of the recently-formed British Fabric Association from April 1.

Mr L. H. G. Livingstone-Lear-

month has been elected to suc-ceed Mr W. T. Dunne as chair-

Mr Geoffrey Moss is the new chairman of Edwo (Scotland) after its acquisition by Edbro (Holdings).

Mr R. C. Huber ras gone on to the board of A. D. Inter-national. Mr H. Bauernfeind is to

Mr John Harper has been con-firmed as assistant managing director, Post Office Telecommuni-cations, from January 1.

Mr Colin Wise, joint-managing and financial director of the

United Kingdom operation of ideal-Standard, is now vice-presi-dent, control and finance, of ideal-

Mr I. Douglas Lowe has been

Standard Europe.

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Shell UK

managing

director

# Improving the standard of home insulation

Sir, It is encouraging to see that the British Government is following the lead given by the United States of America in introducing an energy in introducing an energy conservation programme, but in one sector the action proposed is purely remedial and does nothing to correct the

We are told that a large prowe are told that a large pro-portion of the £321m to be available over the next four years will be spent on improv-ing the insulation of council houses and that it is hoped nouses and that it is appeared that this will encourage the private sector to take similar steps. What is needed is a change in the building regulations requiring a much higher standard of insulation in new homes. At present this country homes. At present this country lags far behind the requirements in many continental and Scandinavian countries in thermal insulation for new hous-

ing.
It can be argued that in a normal year new house build-normal year new house build-normal year new house build-to the national housing stock but there seems to be little point in continually adding in-adequately insukated dwellings to this stock knowing that they will have to be improved later, cither at the expense of the government of the private

If stricter regulations are brought out now, then in 20 years' time, when we may be in the midst of a severe energy

crisis, we shall have the advan-tage of having at least one third of our housing stock well insu-

Yours sincerely, J. G. SUNLEY, Director,
Timber Research and Development Association, Stocking Lane, Hugherden Valley, High Wycombe, Buckingbamshire, HP14 4ND.

From the City Architect and Planning Officer, City of Cambridge Sir, The easiest way to conserve energy is to increase its price. In order to avoid hard-ship to domestic and essential users we should charge at one rate for a basic personal or process allocation and charge at a much higher rate for any used above the allocation.

used above the allocation.

The uses which would be penelized would all be unnecessary and wasteful, conservation would be promoted and, in particular, high density, high energy consuming, high cost building would be less commercially attractive, leading to a lower demand upon energy consuming public serenergy consuming public services and transport. An increase in price would guickly achieve savings no other method seems likely to achieve in the next decade.

Yours faithfully,

J. M. MILNER, The Guildhall, Cambridge CB2 3QJ.

# A remedy inflation

From Mr James Lunt Sir, Mr E. J. Pentecost (December 19) joins issue with Professor D. S. Lees, December 13) over the cause of inflation, but both are right.

Inflation, rising price, is due to wages being too high relative to production. If total takehome pay increases, then come Friday the necessary money will have to be forthcoming some how, and governments and banks are reluctant to foster unemployment by refusing to

The remedy is to bring down take-home pay by increasing tax on earnings, but not on profits, which are already taxed too much, and those are the very people who would by investing more even increase productivity so as to restore the wage/production ratio to where it should

The economy is quite un-stable: left to itself wages will go on up and unemployment too. It is only by conscious, and conscientious, manipulation by government of the profit/ earnings tax differential that or even can be, achieved.

JAMES G. LUNT, BSc, FRIC, 10 Arlington Road, Cheadle, Cheshire SK8 1LW.

#### Environmental needs and the tunnel trains are at present thundering

From Dr Jonathan Wood Sir, Before all the environmental lobby rush to support John Whitehouse (December 19) in opposing the construction of a Channel tunnel and its rail links, perhaps they might consider the total effect of it on the counties of Surrey and

The bogey of 180 mph juggernaut trains passing through our villages and towns at three-minute intervals" and the prospect of blocking the way to Paris with our English dead is good emotive stuff. But those who live near Gatwick from and Heathrow suffer far more house. than this already and the Chan-Shou nei tunnel would ease the pressure of traffic at sixports. The goods that might travel on the

through the villages of Kent and Surrey, and it is time we did something constructive to improve the environment. The abandoned Channel tun-

nel plan had grown too grandiose. It was a scheme to build a car and lorry ferry on tracks, with vast terminals and approach motorways. The 180 mph track for the rail link greatly increased the costs and environmental damage with only a marginal increase in benefit compared to a 125 mph route like that which now runs to Cardiff with little protest from the likes of Mr White

Shouldn't we re-examine in detail the building of a straight-forward rail link designed primarily to take rail passenger

#### Britain's industrial performance

From Mr Graham R. Nudd Sir, As an expansiate engineer the present debate concerning Eritain's shameful industrial performance is most interesting. Perhaps, the most surpris-ing thing is nor that the en-gineering "profession" is so dismal, but given the damaging climate including low social standing, extremely low sal-aries and the Government's in-

sistence on backing demon-strated losers, why has it sur-vived at all? However, I read in The Times (December 16) that all this will soon end. The Government will solve this problem by a new college course. Two serious problems exist in this

bureaucratic solution. First, how on earth, can college teachers, most of whom know nothing at all about industrial enterprise, impart anything relevant to these "bright" students. In Britain, or elsewhere, the mechanics of Chineering are well known.
Wat Britain lacks is enterprie, motivation and drive. Scondly, if these courses

should be successful and a superior engineer is produced, why should we believe he would stay in Britain. If all other professions sell their ser-

vices to the highest bidder, won't these people understand

ciples. In all likelihood this piece of nonsense will not help. What might be worth trying is ensuring no engineering teacher is appointed without extensive industrial experience, making sustained efforts to recruit experienced engineers at government policy-making level, and establishing a reward system (in the pay checks) to ensure incentive.
After all, England has found mechanism of in creased salaries to work well in other professions such as medicine, law, banking and the

like: it could work in engineer-

ing. Yours faithfully, GRAHAM R. NUDD, 1355 Brinkley Avenue, and goods traffic. Ideally there should be no access for goods traffic or cars to the cross-Channel rail link at any point south of the M25 motorway

Such a tunnel scheme could be started with the minimum of delay. It would be of great whole and could markedly improve the villages and towns of Surrey and Kent by getting some of the traffic out of our streets and from over our heads onto the railways. Yours faithfully,

JONATHAN G. M. WOOD, West Jewsley Cottage, Dunsfold Road, Chiddingfold, Near Godalming. Surrey GU8 4YB. December 20.

#### Transfers exempt from CTT From Mr Martin Davis

(December 20) writes of the businessman debarred—by capital transfer tax, he would have us believe—from giving sway his business; yet were the prospective donor to set up a trust for exclusively charitable purposes, to own and manage the business, were he to survive the gift into trust by a year, the wansfer would be fully exempt from tax.

Mr David Marks

Yes, the CTT legislation traps those who seek to dispose of their power in favour of other private individuals; but it quite properly encourages gifts which can benefit the community. Yours truly MARTIN DAVIS.

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# FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

# Bargain hunters buy short gilts and leave most shares alone

tacular fashion than on Tues-

casting doubts on the OECD forecasts for inflation and the balance of payments and others pointing out the disadvantages to exporters of a strong pound investors decided that renewed caution was the best policy. The day's business threw up

a variety of isolated features among the second-line stocks, but the predominantly export-orientated leaders pitch saw orientated leaders pitch saw little action, a trend which many dealers expect to be ex-tended well into the New Year. Mr A. V. Alexander is to assume full-time executive group management responsibilities as a director of Sedgwick Forbes Holdings and deputy chairman of Sedgwick Forbes UK and its subsidiaries. Mr J. S. Martin, Mr A. M. Platt and Mr R. C. Steven have gone on to the board of Sedgwick Forbes. By 10 am the FT Index was 2.3 shead on limited support for the new account. But this neglect of the "blue chips" soon took its toll and the index closed just 0.2 up at 490.6 in spite of a half-hearted attempt at a rally in mid-afternoon.

> Un went E. Fogarty (pillows and quilts) 4p to 140p a fort-night 2go when it announced a one for-four scrip issue in preference shares with a 105 per cent coupin net equal to 15.9 per cent gross. Now the ordinary shares are just 141p. Apart from giving the group trustee status the preference shares should command par easily, if so, shareholders will collect on extra 75p of trefer

collect an extra 25p of preference share for every £1 ordinary share they have. After the usue the ordinary dividend will still be 5.5 times covered by profits; and these are grow-Mr Alex Smith has been made chairman and managing director of Upjohn.

In the gilt-edged market a strong currency and interest rate hopes centred most demand at the short end. gains stretched up to half a point and the Government Broker activated the short "tap" at £96 15/16 before withdrawing. He is expected to return at £97 matching the price

in the market. Longer maturities had a comparatively subdued time though they did manage to replace early losses of around one-

Though most of the leading industrial shares held up, two. which did not were Glazo industrial shares held up, two-which did not were Glaxo which slipped 7p to 600p and Beecham where the fall was 5p to 685p. More typical were Metal Box, unchanged at 312p, Bowater unmoved at 184p and ICI which added just a penny to In the building sector and

combination of speculative de-mand and hopes of an early cut in the mortgage rates brought some good features. House-builders Gough Cooper 3p to 73p, Fairview Estates 3p to 101p, and Barratt Developments. 20 to 115p all gained ground. There was a spectacular gain of 16p to 1860 from contractor J. Jarvis, while speculative demand also had SGB 9p to the good at 154p, Marchwiel 5p ahead at 267p and RMC up 6p to 133p

6p to 133p. Over in plentations Assam Frontier continued its volatile existence on takeover bones, this time rising 20p to 390p, while Plantation Holdings gained 51p to 55p on reorganization plans, Comment was good for rises of 10p to 235p for motor dealer Pride & Clarke and of 3p to

erally dull brewery sector speculative demand made a feature of Budtonwood which closed 8p to the good at 146p. While gold shares continued to go ahead, in some cases by as much as 50p, tins collapsed in line with the metal price. Worst hir were Gopens,

Among speculative stocks strong features were to be found in Brent Chemical which gained another 6p to 204p, United Scientific 4p to 290p, De United Scientific 4p to 250p, be Vere Hotels. 3p to 173p on further small buying and Wil-kinson Match which ended at 213p after early strength on hopes of an all-out bid from the Allegheny, Company of the United States!

Oiles states.

Oiles saw BP a couple of pence firmer at 864p after a brokers circular, Shell 6p lower at 530p after a late dip and Siebens another 10p firmer at 274p on more specularive interest. But dealers take a cautious view of the last named feeling that the share is looking a little over-

Priced.

News that Tesco had boosted Christmas sales by 60 per cent did little for the share price at 45p just half a point better, while Sainsbury managed to add a counte of points for a close of 200p. Elsewhere in foods Tate & Lyle was a good marker at 2080. up 40, but market at 208p, up 4p, but Associated Biscuits did not benefit from tts United States acquisition, losing 2p to 86p.
Electricals had two good features in Pye, up 3p to 107p, and BICC which ended five points to the good at 117p...
Fading bid hopes left Roperters Ecology in James at 122p. 78p for Rustenburg. In a genson Foods 7p lower at 152p while and of account profit taking clipped 2p from Madame Tussands at 58p.

For once the clearing pand : and Lloyds at 292n closed 4p up but there was no movement, from Blidland at 390p and Barclays at 340p. Press comment meant that.

strongest feature in the final-cial sectors. This strongth was: typified by gains of 10n to 4/0n from Union, 5p to 275p from Alexanders, 5p to 525p by Atten, Harvey & Russ and 4p to 250p from Gillett Brothers.

Down at 290p for a couple of tweeks Oil Exploration was, suddenly back in favour with a . spectacular rise of 14p to 306p. The word is that the American oil group are under way again though dealers think Government approved for act such deal would be hard to win. The group has just sunk, a new well in the Thelma Field.

In properties Estates Property added 6p to 83p while elso-where H. Brammer closed 12p to the good at 1142. Corringy Pope rese on to 65p. RSP 62 to 655 on comment and Adwest 95 to 262p.

Equity turnover on December 28 was £46.31m (7,446 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Tule-graph, were Shell, Grand Metro-politan, National Westernster, BAT Dfd, Tarmac, Barcleys Bank, Midland Bank and United

#### Latest results

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# **EIB** lends £91m to UK utilities

Six loans totalling £91.2m have been granted to various British public utilities by Euro-pean Investment Bank, the EEC's long-term finance institu-

tion.

The largest, worth £52.3m, goes to the Blectricity Council on a 15-year term at 8.65 per couer executive from January.

Mr N. Berry succeeds Mr J. D. Ogden as chairman of Futura Holdings on January 1.

Mr Guy Neely has become financial director and secretary of Wheatsheaf Distribution and Trading in place of Mr V. G. Williams, who continues a deputy chairman.

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British Steel Corporation has been granted two loans totalling although not showing itself in an after reorganizing its struction. Steel Corporation has been granted two loans totalling although not showing itself in an after reorganizing its structure and management Mr Henry stage, gives cause for a greater Wilkins, chairman, was able to

Finally, British Rail has re-ceived 17.2m—repayable in 12 years and bearing 8.45 per cent interest—which will cover about half the cost of special high-speed train depots

#### made an executive member of the board of Brontons (Musselburgh) with the position of assistant managing director. Philip Harris looks to second-half rise

A disappointing half-year saw pre-tax profits of Philip Harris Holdings dip from £330,000 to £276,000, for the six months to September 30 although the dividend was held at 1.3p net. The board says that a high volume of orders has been received, but economic conditions both at home and overseas have combined to give a

#### Baraoora jumps as dividends resumed

A return to the dividend list crowns a year which brought shares of Baraoora Tea Holdings up from 10p last January to 10Sp yesterday. News of the group's proposed 10p dividend sent the shares up a further 5p to leave them at 110p.

The group's market popular-

ity is based on the decision of the Bangladesh authorities to allow the repatriation of more of the group's profits.

BANQUE FRANCAISE
Banque Francaise du Commerce
Exterieure (BFCE) plans to issue
DMI50m Eurobond led by Dresdner Bank next Monday. Deutsche
Bank will manage DMI50m on
Jan 6 and Westdeutsche Landesbank should lead a DMZ00m loan
for Denmark three days later. CHIEFTAIN-BROADMOUNT

To allow directors of Second Broadmount Trust time to consider fully Chieftain Trust offer, Chieftain has extended period for acceptances to January 31. EUROFIMA ISSUE

EUROFIMA ISSUE

European Company for the fiaancing of railway rolling stock
(Eurofima) plans to issue a \$40m
10-year bond on January 12. Joint
lead managers will be Smith
Barney, Harris Upham and Credit
Suisse White Weld. Bonds will
carry annual compon of 8½ per
cent and will be issued at par. CARLE & WINGLESS

Group has made \$7.52 a share cash bender offer for all outstanding common stock of Carterphone Communications Corp. Bid made through US Cable & Wireless, Delaware Inc. JUGOBANKA LOAN

# A 'small surplus' now in sight at Wilkins & Mitchell

By Tony May

A return to profits at Wilkins & Mitchell is definitely in sight. The first six months of the year is much the hardest time for this machine tool and Servis washing-machine maker, and with turnover dipping from

sonable market conditions in the domestic appliance division for the rest of the year, the year-end results from the United Kingdom operations should Kingdom operations should enable the group to show a small surplus. This confidence is reflected

in the increased interim dividand of 0.38p gross compared with 0.15p a year ago. Over the whole of last year the group managed to cut its losses from £1.64m to £521,000. The United Kingdom side made a profit of £191,000 bur this was

from the Australian offshoot.

The group took rapid action with the Australian company

assure shareholders in annual report that losses hard, been stemmed. Action taken included the extension of the range of products suited to the Wilkins Servis nationwide sales and service organization.
coupled with the sale and
lease back of a factory to the
South Australian Government. Difficulties were expected to

nersist over the first six months of this year but Mr Wilkins felt confident that the new manage ment team would "perform of first-class job in this recovery

ance division was ready for any upturn in the economy, while tinuing to make headway in the teeth of some fierce international competition.

# The Mid Kent **Water Company**

# "Continued Expansion and Development"

reports Mr. A. W. White, the Chairman.

The Annual General Meeting of The Mid Kent Water Company was held at the principal office of the Company, High Street, Snodland, Kent, on Thursday 29th December, 1977. The following is the Chairman's Statement for the year ended 30th September, 1977.

By comparison with the previous year, 1977. was an uneventful one in regard to water It would have been unwise of me, a year

ago, to have predicted that the heavy rainfall, which had occurred from September onwards. would continue, but, in the event, the rainfall for the first three months of this year was also above average and we approached the Summer with near average groundwater table condi-tions. As we will all recall the Summer was confined to a few fine weeks and the overall demand for water did not reach the high levels attained in 1976.

Industrial use was also less than anticipated, due probably to a combination of circumstances, including the continuance of water saving measures introduced the previous summer, changes in marketing methods, particularly foods (in the widest sense) and the increasing costs of both supplying water and disposing of the efficient. Consumption of water for domestic pur-

poses, however, was maintained and from the figures available it appears that this company is still developing more rapidly than any other company or Water Authority division in the country. Even so, per capita consumption of water for domestic purposes is well below the average, which, I believe, is an indication of the effectiveness of our waste detection. arrangements, which have been applied vigorously and indeed further extended. We arc, therefore, having to make the best possible use of the now limited local groundwater resources and during the year we have constructed trial boreholes into the Chalk and Lower Greensands at four new sites.

The laying of the new trunk main from Chilbam to Ashford is nearing completion and this will ensure adequate supplies for this steadily expanding township with its varying industrial activities for a period up to the early 1990's: We have commenced work on a new treatment works adjacent to the pumped storage reservoir at Bewl Bridge, which will be used to supply water to rural communities in the western part of the Weald of Kent. The joint promotion of the new Broad Oak Reservoir with the Southern Water Authority, is proceeding satisfactorily but slowly and we have had to apply for a temporary increase in the abstraction licences for several existing pumping stations (which will lapse on the commissioning of this scheme) so as not to jeopardise the future water supplies to the City of Canterbury and the surrounding area.

The reliability of supplies has been increased by the construction of a new covered service reservoir at Charing Hill and new Laboratories have been built adjacent to our Head Office at Snodland, so as to provide the proper facilities for ensuring the highest possible standards of purity.

One of the effects of this continuing and expanding capital works programme is the need to raise substantial sums of new capital annually. It is encouraging to note the recent drop in both interest rates and the rate of inflation, but, even so, the level of capital expenditure necessary to comply with our statutory obligations to meet the still steadily rising demand for water is such that further increases in water rates and charges are

However, every effort is being made to contain operating costs and I am pleased to report a reduction in staff, despite the increasing work load.

The possibility of the further reorganisation of the Water Industry has featured in my last two statements and although the threat to the

continued existence of companies by nationalisation has not been removed completely, the Government's latest White Paper indicates that such proposals will not be proceeded with at the present time. This declaration is, I believe, good for this industry and the country as a whole and the directors and staff will be able to continue to play their part with the Water Authorities and the National Water Council, or its successor, in maintaining and improving upon the standard of service, which has no equal anywhere in the world.

# Eigineering exports still in lecline

By Edird Townsend Explis by Britain's engin-cering industries continue to decline According to larest rom the Department of dust new orders from -- overisely 4 per cent in the to the end of

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7 t was a 3.5 per cent rise g August to October. imption increased 6.6 per 8t. and fron September to vember gas output was 7.3 r cent higher than a year

Deep-mined coal output ropped by a million tons from September to November, but this was largely offset by a 0.7 million tons rise in opencast production.

Deliveries of almost all ager who will be seeking out grades of oil tose between new marketing opportunities, planning new investment,

# Lord Robens urges independent energy commission to avoid 'debacle of 1960s'

Strong criticism of the Gov-ernment and the Civil Service for the energy "debacle of the sixties" and the costly damage which resulted from ignoring National Coal Board warnings about the power of the Organ-ization of Petroleum Exporting Countries has come from Lord

The former chairman of the coal board for 10 years from 1961 calls for an independent energy commission, and gives a further warning of the danger of repeating past mistakes.

Lord Robens's observations
are contained in his review of a book by Dr Israel Berkovitch, Coal on the Switchback (George

ing is really just as unclear as it was in the 1960s" and he dismisses the National Energy Conference held in mid-1976, as "a bit of political window-dressing and of no advantage whatsoever to planning an energy policy for the country". "Each energy industry is fundamentally concerned with its own future—not the collec-tive advantage", he points out. The new Energy Commission

Allen and Unwin, z., mits that while it has not been his policy to comment on the coal industry since he left it, a writing the review enables him to "lift the lid a little furnave an energy policy that makes sense will be to set up a cowerful independent energy in the lid a little furnave an energy policy that makes sense will be to set up a cowerful independent energy in largely in

powerful independent energy commission upon which will sit people who are completely in-

Lord Robens says that in the 1960s Mr Frederick Lee, then Minister of Fuel and Power, was giving an assurance that 200 million tons of coal a year was the objective while Civil Serplan to reduce output to 80 mil-

# Product liability issue worries BETA

By Stephen Goodwin In recommendations made to the Government, the Business Equipment Trade Association is opposing proposals that manufacturers should be strictly liable for personal injuries caused by defects in their products, irrespective of fault or limit of time in which the product has been used.

Justead, the association favours shifting the burden of proof and introducing a "presumption of fault on the part of

year of the manager" comes from Sir Derek Ezra, chairman

from Mr Delea Cala, total of the British Institute of Management Council, in his

or the Management Council, in his new year message to the BIM's 57,000 individual members and

12,000 member organizations.
Sir Derek says: "If we are to achieve industrial growth

and reduce the high level of unemployment it is the man-ager who will be seeking our

of Prices and Consumer Protection will begin considering representations on a report by the Law Commission and Scotish Law Commission on product liability and a draft EEC directive on the same issue.

Comments have to be in by the end of year, but it is likely to be a considerable time before any government proposals any government proposals emerge—probably in the form of a Green Paper.

Product liability affects

'Year of the manager' call

sumption of fault on the part of literally every kind of manuthe producer where one of his products causes injury".

Next month the Department bas been neavy.

A call to make 1978 "the questioning the current utiliza-ear of the manager" comes tion of resources and, above all, seeking that improved perform ance which is essential to achieving export success and wealth creation."

For too long, he says, the profession of management has been neglected and even spurned. " This will no longer be possible, Industrial success will largely depend on whether we can develop a nation of good

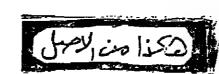
Mr Richard Harington, director-general of the association, acknowledges that there is a case for doing something more to protect the consumer, and cites the Thalidomide affair as an example. These proposals are intended to deal with that sort of situation, but we feel they are going too far."

Docks Board to buy Hull group

Handling Co, the tallying com-pany's wholly-owned subsidiary, is the largest employer of is the largest emplished labour at Hull port

British Transport Docks
Board is to buy the Hunl
Superintending and Tallying
Company, which provides
specialist checking services
for cargoes through the port.
Subject to formal agreement
the takeover will be effective
from January 1.
Hull and Humber Cargo
Handling Co, the tallying com-

A S25m six-year loan for Jugo-banka has been arranged by Grindlay Brandts with selected group of banks, managed by Grindlay Brandts, Daiwa Europe NV, Manufacturers Hanover and Saitama Bank.



#### NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

#### To Holders of

# International Standard Electric Corporation 81/4% Sinking Fund Debentures, Due 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to Section 3.02 of the Indenture dated as of February 1, 1971, between International Standard Electric Corporation and Bank of America National Trust and Savings Association, Trustee; (the "Indenture"), \$4,500,000 principal amount of International Standard Electric Corporation 8½% Sinking Fund Debentures due 1986 (the "Debentures") have been called for redemption on February 1, 1978 (the "Redemption Date") through the operation of the Sinking Fund at 100% of the principal amount thereof, together with interest thereon at the rate of 8½% per annum to the Redemption Date. Pursuant to section 3.03 of the Indenture, the Trustee has selected for redemption on February 1, 1978 the following Debentures, to wit:

On February 1, 1978 the Debentures designated above will become due and payable and are required to be presented and surrendered for redemption and payment on or after said date at any of the following places of payment:

CITIBANK, N. A. 111 Wall Etret New York, N.Y. U.S.A. Algemene Bank Nederland N.Y. Amsterdam, Netherlands

Dated December 30, 1977

Credito Italiano Milan, Italy Banque de Braxellas S.A. Banque Generale do Luxembourg S. A., Luxembourg Deutsche Bank Aktiengesellschaft Bank of America National Trust and Savings Association, Louden, England Banque Hationale de Paris S.A.

The Debentures must be accompanied by all interest coupons appertaining thereto maturing after February 1, 1978. Interest on the Debentures so called for redemption shall cease to accrue from and after February 1, 1978, and the

interest coupons appertaining thereto maturing after said date shall be void.

International Standard Electric Corporation by Bank of America National Trust and Savings Association, Trustee

# Brentnall on prowl for London broker

ings) is likely to be treading the takeover trail in the current

crease in the 12 months to September 30 last, which saw profits top the film mark for the first time, the group is hoping to expand the service side of the business. Its manag-ing director, Mr Stanley Els-bury disclosed yesterday that Brentnall is interested in buy-ing a Loudon broker specializ-ing in the international field.

Although the group does not have any specific company in mind, the cost is not likely to exceed the £4m capitalization of Brentmall.

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The group has no other apital spending commitments in the current year.
Yesterday the shares climbed
2p to 58p on the back of a
better profits performance. In

the last financial year the group improved profits from £740,000 to £1m, pre-tax, on turnover up from £3.9m to £5m.

from E3.9m to E5m.
Associated companies chipped
in with a more-than-doubled
contribution of £106,000, against
a previous £50,000.
Much of the impetus came
from abroad. Mr Brentnall
Beard, chairman, reports that

recent concentration on over-seas diversification accounts for the substantial increase in turn-

Despite difficult trading conditions in Canada the group has been able to expand and streng-then operations there. And further growth is expected in the current period.

Shrewsbury-based insurance brokers Brenthall Beard (Holdings) is likely to be treading the takeover trail in the current significant upturn, according to

Mr Elsbury.
The Sweden and Far East off-

shoots also improved their con-tributions. In the United Kingdom the insurance and insurance broking business has also been steadily improving performance.

Elsewhere, the Lloyd's under-writing agency Rose, Thomson, Young had a good year, the chairman reports. Generally, the aviation account in which Brentnall has been specializing for two or three years, forged ahead in the period.

Because the group does not

Because the group does not have a large marine account it has been able to develop the aviation side and as this is now growing world-wide, the division has been expanding. Insuring margins, particularly for geroplane hulls, are still very thin but premiums are going up and the brokerage on this, coupled with an improving market share, should ensure a further uppure from this side in further upturn from this side in

the current year.

Since the end of the accounting period, growth has continued at Brennall. However, the managing director does not expect last time's 36 per cent profits increase being carried on throughout the year.

Because the group converts overseas brokerage fees into overseas brokerage fees into sterling as they come in, the current strength of the pound against the Canadian dollar could hit first half results.

# Small firms get room at the top

On January 16 the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry is launching its small firms group. The Chamber has 8,000 member firms—and of these 6,000 have fewer than 250 employees. This makes it one of the biggest small firms organizations in the United Kingdom. It is setting up the new group to enable small companies to meet regularly to companies to meet regularly to discuss mutual problems and

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One of its activities will be the fostering of the growing contribution being made by major companies, which are extending help and advice to small and medium-sized com-panies.

panies.

The first meeting on January 16 will concentrate on the tax problems of small companies and members of the Chamber taxation committees will deal with the firm's queries. The Chamber's own report on the subject, which has been prepared for submission to the Lever Inquiry, will be published next week.

The next week.

The next meeting, on February 17, will be on the subject of the ECGD, and on March 9 Mr Robert Cryer, Minister for Small Firms, will be the main speaker.

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# Profit down presses on

By Michael Clark In by far from comfortable going for the furniture industry, Mr Arthur Hensher, who heads Hensher (Furniture Trades), reasonable outcome in the prevailing circumstances. This however talls short of Hensher's best £606,000 achieved as far back as 1973.

In the meantime while cur-rent trading is still not buoyant, there are signs of improvement which should eventually be of benefit to the group.

Elsewhere, the auditors in qualifying the accounts, refer to an amount in the balance sheet due from subsidiary George Hensher, which has gone into liquidation following substantial trading £150,000. iosses,

As it is not possible value the debt until the value the debt until the re-ceiver has completed the reali-ration of the assets of that company, they say, and the fact that a creditor has taken action seeking to set saids the holding company's debenture, the group is unable to assess whether the debt is fairly stated.

In a quiet market the group's

# Renault planning to buy out lorry minorities

Usines Renault will offer to buy the small minority of shares in the heavy vehicle companies Berliet and Saviem it does not already own, Renault sources

said.
Renault now holds 98.7 per cent of Berliet, and 99.1 per cent of Savien. The companies will be merged under the name of "Renault. Vehicules indus

triels" (RVI) from January L The Renault offer is expected to be around 110 francs for a Saviem share and 250 francs & share for Berliet. The last quoted Bourse prices were 62 francs and 172.50 francs, respectively. rively.-Reuter.

Standard Newspapers Melbourne.—David Syme will increase to \$A2 a share from \$A1.50 its proposed offer for \$Landard Newspapers. Herald and Weekly Times said last week that it will offer three of its 50 cent par shares for four 50 cent Standard Newspapers shares to holders of the 1.24m Standard sheres it does not already own. Its holding is 488,000 shares or 28.3 per cent of Standard's capital. Herald shares are quoted around

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\$A2.45, valuing its bid for Standard at \$A1.84 a share.— Reuter ...

Dividendless Beghin Paris:—Despire a Paris:—Despite a markat recovery, after two difficit years, Begin-Say lost money in 1977. And it will not pave dividend for the third yer running, Mr Jean-Marc Veris, president, told Agence Ecomique et Financiere (AGE). The company, which came sugar. The company, which owns surrefueries and pulp and per plants, lost 64m francs in 16. The last dividend of 7.35 fres a suare, was for fiscal 19

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# FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

# Bolivia is demanding

higher price for tin

Bolivia says it will insist on demanding that the Interpational Tin Council (ITC) sets higher prices for the metal when both producing and consuming countries meet in London next month.

The meeting is to discuss whether to revise current prices or to postpone a price rise.

"We intend to ask for a substantial improvement in both floor and ceiling prices", a government spokesman said. The world's second largest producer. Bolivia leads the group of nations, demanding higher prices, arguing that this might be the only way to encourage investments to fill the current gap between supply and demand. Current ITC prices set the floor at \$3.62 a pound and the ceiling at \$4.53. The scale has proved impracticable because of the gap which has boosted the prices up to an average of \$5.50 a pound in recent weeks. The ITC meeting is scheduled to start on January 12.—AP-Dow Jones.

# it down Hudson's Bay puts copper price rise into effect

Hudson's Bay Mining and Smelting company says that its previously announced increase in the price for fullplate electrolytic copper cathode sold in Canada became effective yesterday.

The new price of 69-125 cents a pound is the Canadian dellar equivalent of the United States price of 63 cents a pound. The previous Canadian price was 64-5 cents in Canadian funds the equivalent of 60 cents in the United States. Hudson's Bay Mining does not sell copper in America.

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The company said last week that it had advised the Anti-Inflation Board that it was planning the price boost.

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about 515 decimed. Volume totalled 28,510,006 shares
Brokers said the stock market decided to emphasize the positive aspects of President Carter's appointment of Mr G, William Miller, chairman of Textron, to replace De Arthur Burns as chairman of the Federal Reserve The business community generally approved the appointment and Mr Miller vowed to pursue Dr Burns's light against inflation.

Brokers attributed carly soking to initial unactainty about Mr Miller and a decline of the dollar on foreign exchange in reaction to his appointment.

Analysis baid the market was also assisted in gaining today by the report yesterday of a sharp decline in the November trade deficit to \$2,080m from a record \$3,100m in the previous month.

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each class. Hardie's shares
clused at \$4.25 yesterday.—
Reuter.

Discount market cent. Treasury stock 1999 as the smaller cheques were cleared, and the market settled for some gilts yesterday, a stable shortage of on Westnesday. Money conditions on Lombard Street were very tight throughout yesterday, a sizable shortage of day-to-day credit had been anticiday-to-day credit had been anticipated, but the situation was made slightly worse by some quite heavy calling by one clearer.

However, the Bank of England was required to give only small assistance, which was channelled via overnight lending to three or four houses at Milk 7 per cent for purely technical reasons.

Underlying factors indicated the need for more help, and this was clearly shown by innerbank money which climbed to about 11 per cent towards the finish. In the secured market, clusting balances were mich between 61 and 7 per cent. Forward Levels

Bank balances were up slightly overnight, and there was a further decline in the note circulation. But the market faced a net take up of Treasury Büls, there was a big tax pay over, money was required for

Foreign Exchange

Another broad advance by the pound yesterday largely reflected further weakness in the dollar. The closing rate was 1.9100, up 14 cents on the previous day's 1.8950 after an early peak of 1.9275.

Starling's currency basket level was finally 65.2 (after 65.4 initially), which compares with an overnight of 64.6.

Business remained very thin, and spreads were widened, reflecting a continued reluctance to trade until more normal conditions return in the new year.

General disappointment in financial circles over President Carter's decision not in reappoint the experienced Dr Arthur Burns as Fed chairman, and some apprehension about his successor's likely policies, led to renewed selling pressure on the dollar.

Gold closed at \$166.125 an ounce in London, up \$1.5 an ounce.

**Spot Position** of:Sterling

**Money Market** 

Rates

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

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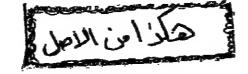
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tion. Television Training Centre, 23 General St. London, W.1, (14-21-5064)	LINKLATERS & PAINES, Soll- chors to the Company.	mailer of TUNGWIRE Limited its	No. 002257 of 1977 in the Matter of ROCKETAR Limited. Neturn of Business. Employment Agents. WINDAG-UP. ORDER MADE:	order may be obtained price £1 per capy, from the following agents of the Ordenece Sprice.  Crock Hammand and Kell.
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on request	Juneary.	Dated this 21st day of December, 1977. NORMAN BARRINGTON CORK. Liquidator.	IN the Matter of THE COMPANIES ACTS. 1948 to 1975 and in the matter of SAXON PLUMBING CO. Limited in Voluntary Liquidation).	Sherified in paragraphs 3 and 5 abuvn.  5. Any objection to the proposed order must be made in writing
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DEHOCRATIC AND POPUL	AR REPUBLIC OF ALGERIA	In the MATTER of THE COM- PANIES ACTS, 1948 to 1976 and In the Mazer of PETER BALLWIN PLANT Limited (In Voluntary Liquidation)	named Company will be held at Ottisched House, 81,87, Granam Street, London, 8CNV 7DS, an Monday the Sth day of James	grounds of the objection must be stated and, if the objection relates to any specific property, the matter
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DIRECTORATE OF HYD	RAULIC ENGINEERING	Liquidation) Notice is Merchy Given pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act. 1948, that a GENERA, MEET- ING of the MEMBERS of the above- named Company will be held at the Offices of the Joint Liquidator, N. S. Cork, at Guidhall House, 81/87. Gresham Street, London, ECCV 7DS on Tursday, the 10th day of January 1978, at 4.15 p.m. to be followed at 4.30 p.m. by a General Merting of the Creditors for the purpose of recoving an account of the Liquidators' Acts and Deathmas and of the comeact of the Winding-Up to date. Dated this 21st day of Desember.	of the Liguidator's Acts and Deal- ings and of the conduct of the Window-Up to date.	at the time of making the objection or afterwards, send to the Socretary of Sizie a request in writing to be
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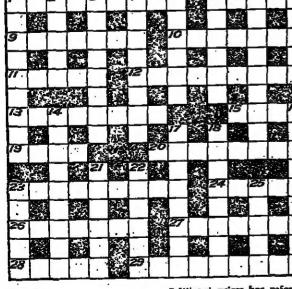
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